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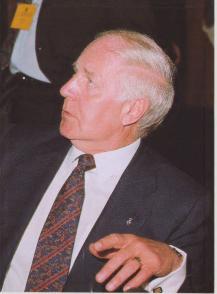


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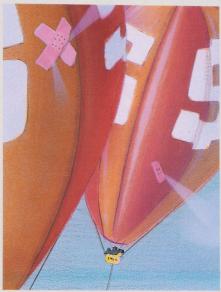


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Despite the scandals associated with his administration, John Buchanan has been returned to power. He's promised to clean up political patronage and restore integrity to his Tory government. But Rome wasn't built in a day, says the Premier.

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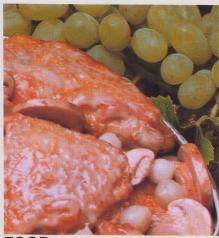


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PUBLISHER'S LETTER

A new approach to regional development

here's challenging and exciting new thinking going on in Atlantic Canada these days on the old question of how we can generate economic development in this region. Surprising as it may be, we do seem to be learning the lessons of the past — from our successes and our failures.

I encountered these new approaches at a conference held by the Atlantic Provinces Economic Council in September in

At the heart of this new approach is something called community development corporations. These are non-profit, community-based organizations with members and boards of directors - in structure similar to all kinds of other community groups, from boards of trade to university boards to local labour councils. Community development corporations have as their goal the encouragement of economic development in their locality.

The closest analogy I can come up with to these community development corporations are locally-owned banks. Local banks of the type that used to flourish in the Maritimes were usually run by a local group of investors; they had money to invest and they used their funds to finance new local enterprises and the

expansion of existing ones.

The lending practices of local banks in communities across the United States is often cited as a key advantage of the American financial system. The community development corporation seems like a very appropriate Canadian version of the same basic idea. Community development corporations have some advantages over private-sector banks, though; they can combine funds they raise from local investors with funds from federal and provincial government sources. They can extend their support to all kinds of businesses, from entrepreneur-run companies to co-ops and companies owned by their workers.

Speakers at the APEC conference underlined the fact that this is a grassroots approach to the need for jobs and for development, a bottom-up solution that is small-scale and that depends on the participation and initiative of all kinds of people at the local level. The results are measured in a lot of small gains, three new jobs here, six there, instead of the large numbers involved in major development projects.

The Atlantic Canada Opportunities

Agency (ACOA) had several of its senior people at the conference including agency head Don McPhail. It's busy working on related policies with representatives of community development groups. There were senior officials present from all the four provincial development departments. APEC's initiative under chairperson Don Deacon in making community develop-ment the theme of its annual conference suggests that members of the region's business community most concerned about the region's future see this as a promising avenue to explore.

The most revealing information produced at the conference about the need and the role for community development corporations came from Paul Bugden of the Newfoundland Economic Council. Bugden reported on a study he is working on dealing with the availability of equity capital for businesses in Newfoundland. Equity — the money that owners and investors put into businesses as share capital — seems to be the hardest kind of financing for businesses to find, but it is the foundation for every other kind of financing. There is very little supply of equity capital in Newfoundland, said Bugden, but then on the surface there doesn't seem to be much demand for it either. One amazing fact which Bugden has come up with is that people in Canada's poorest province are actually generating very substantial amounts of savings every year through pension plans, RRSPs, savings accounts and so on which are not reinvested in the province. Instead, about \$350 million of Newfoundland capital is being exported.

P.E.I. premier Joe Ghiz gave the APEC conference its inspirational talk. As Ghiz pointed out, it's a lot more attractive for politicians to announce a big Litton Industries plan or a new Michelin factory than to boast about two new jobs created in Kensington, P.E.I. On the other hand, he said, it's in small and new enterprises where you see the entrepreneurial talents of Islanders at work.

Community development corporations are a concrete way that people in a local area can encourage and support this kind of development. They're an alternative to waiting for some big project to fall out of the sky, and there seem to be a lot of people in this part of Canada who are ready to take up the challenge of helping to generate the development we need on a local basis.

- James Lorimer

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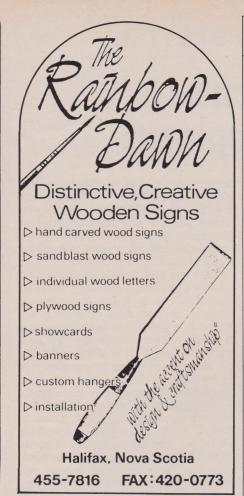
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FEEDBACK

CBC defends record

Susan Felsberg takes several swipes at the CBC in her letter in your Sept.'88 issue regarding Getting it all wrong (May '88). I agree wholeheartedly with both her and your writer, Harry Bruce, about the need for accuracy in journalism. In fact, we at CBC believe that audiences should be critical, although we hope their criticism will be measured in proportion to our faults.

Given the thousands of hours of information programs we broadcast locally, regionally and nationally on radio and television, I think the CBC has a remarkable record for accuracy and cannot fairly

be described as "error-ridden."
Incidentally, would the "distinguished writer and editor Borden Sears" referred to by Ms. Felberg, be Borden Spears, a former senior editor of the Toronto Star?

W.K. Donovan CBC Director for the Maritime Provinces

Hung out to dry

Perhaps Ray Guy's column, entitled Getting the hang of women (Aug.'88), could be retitled Getting the drop on women while hanging himself. Mr. Guy would not fit a Virginia Slims commercial — he's got too far to go.

If Newfoundland women are "matriarchs" (I looked it up in the dictionary) it's because they had to be, as their husbands were away in three to 11-month stretches catching fish, coasting or lumbering while the "matriarchs" raised the children, the vegetables and the livestock in their absence.

> Carol Howatt Marystown, Nfld.

Guns are no solution

In response to the provincial report on Constabulary union draws bead on guns for cops (Sept.'88), I must say to the citizens of St. John's, Corner Brook and Labrador City: consider yourselves fortunate having an unarmed police force.

The beliefs and opinions of Bill Orr, Ian Gomme and Anthony Micucci have been verified in Calgary's police service. Most of them are not competent enough to carry guns safely....

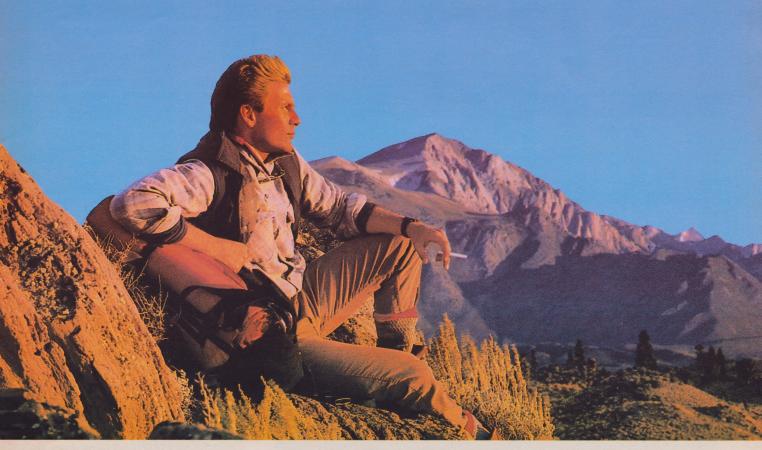
Earlier this year two constables fired nine shots into the body of a chained guard dog and could not kill it. As a result of this fiasco, the Calgary city police are asking for greater firepower instead of increased training. They want a .357 magnum pistol.

During the 14 years that I have been a resident of Calgary there have been at least two unnecessary fatal shootings of Calgary citizens...

Yes, there is a serious crime problem in Calgary. I firmly believe it would quickly diminish if the CPS improved

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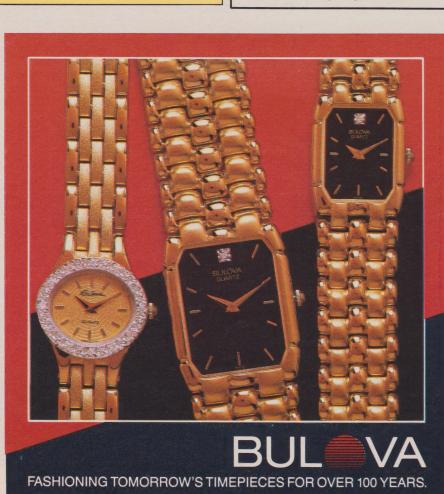
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Disassociating ourselves

I commend Ralph Surette for trying to make a point in *Whose fault is it, anyway?* (Sept.'88). Like the rooster says, his "jaws are flappin' but there's nothin' comin' out." It seems Mr. Surette is attempting to make some sense of the fact that his friend is building a \$250,000 summer camp and here we are, Atlantic Canadians all, still poor-mouthing.

Mr. Surette seems to be telling those areas experiencing labour shortages to stand up and shout it, to separate themselves from the "poverty-stricken hinterlands," to disassociate themselves

from the poor-mouthers.

Harry Bruce's column on *Literati* meets glitterati (Sept.'88) complains about the Atlantic region being "grossly generalized" by centralized Canadians.

Both columnists appear to be fed up with being tarred with the same brush simply because we live in this region. Well, Mr. Surette, whose fault is it? Who are the "ourselves," the "much-ignored culprit hiding in the bush" you're alluding to? Is it the media? Is it the entrepreneurs? Is it the working Atlantic Canadians who are annoyed at the lazy bums who won't take the jobs that are "going begging?" Is it the politicians?...

I have a feeling you're suggesting it's the haves who should separate themselves from the have-nots. No, Mr. Surette, grinding poverty is not the norm in Atlantic Canada and no, Mr. Bruce, we are not all illiterate in Atlantic Canada. So go ahead and disassociate "ourselves" from it. Maybe poverty and illiteracy will be disassociated enough by "ourselves" that eventually it will ideally be confined to some smaller corner of the region or globe and it won't even be seen.

For my part, I guess *ourselves*, the unemployed, should take the blame for being so as well. I guess we can only blame ourselves if we cannot live on four or five dollars an hour. We can only blame ourselves if we are laid-off once or twice a year and have to resort to food banks and salvage centres for food.

You never once alluded to wages in your column. What are the companies you refer to as "experiencing labour shortages" offering as a wage in their thriving businesses? Where do they stand on the "corporate welfare roll?" What was their profit margin this year?

Let's disassociate ourselves from this have-not image. Let's say we have and they have not...

Richard Shelley President, Unemployed Workers of Rural Canada Woodstock, N.B.



UNIQUE



Fate of Glace Bay fish plant hanging in the balance

Workers at Highland Fisheries hope a 1989 management plan and enterprise allocation will get them back to work

arry Paufler's voice sounds tired as he speaks about Highland Fisheries. "The both of them (the plant managers and the federal department of fisheries and oceans) could do something if they worked together but they won't do that."

Paufler is an employee of Highland Fisheries and president of their union, Local 622 of the CBRT & GW (Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Transport and General Workers). Like the other 300 workers at Highland Fisheries, he has been out of work since July and has no idea when the plant will resume regular

operations.

It wasn't always like this at Highland Fisheries. The plant was a longtime employer in Glace Bay. The first major problem at Highland Fisheries was a fire in 1985 which destroyed the plant. That fire, coming shortly after the fire at Glace Bay's Number 26 Colliery, left the city with a 60 per cent unemployment rate and a desperate need for any sort of help. The help came from corners as diverse as the CBC, which broadcast a benefit concert on its national radio network and from Enterprise Cape Breton, which provided \$1.5 million towards the cost of rebuilding the plant.

The plant was rebuilt by its owner, Ernie Cadegan. When it was rebuilt, it was one of the most efficient and modern plants in the Atlantic Provinces. It was so efficient, in fact, that Cadegan kept it operating steadily by buying fish from independent fishermen. But the workers wanted a union and after a bitter and successful fight to unionize Highland, Cadegan sold to Clearwater Fine Foods Inc. of Bedford, N.S. in Sept.'87.

The first signs of trouble at Highland Fisheries came last June. At that point, dragger captains at the plant refused to go out for cod, claiming the prices were too low — the price had dropped to about 20 cents a pound from 43 cents a few months previous. The company and the fishermen stared each other down for two weeks until they compromised and sent the boats to the Port Mouton area in southwestern Nova Scotia, where they could land larger catches and make more money.

On June 21 plant manager Ed Grant called a meeting with various people, including union representatives and the

mayor of Glace Bay, Bruce Clark. The plant stayed open for two days the next week and then closed.

The workers waited for the plant to reopen but no fish came. Clearwater unloaded two boats at the Highland plant but wanted to truck the fish to another plant. The workers bristled, a blockade was formed and the workers said they'd let the fish rot before they'd allow it to be trucked elsewhere.



Paufler: waiting for Highland to reopen

Protests continued through the summer with workers often marching through the streets of Glace Bay, and finally, organizing a sit-in at the Glace Bay town hall. They demanded a meeting with John Risley, the owner of Clearwater, and Tom Siddon, the federal fisheries minister.

The sit-in ended with a meeting between the workers and Siddon but there was no real progress. The minister's position was that Highland had enough allocation to keep the plant open. The workers were left with feelings of confusion.

In August, the workers staged another sit-in, this one at Province House in Halifax. The premier, then in the middle of an election campaign, told them he would arrange another meeting about the plant's future. At this meeting Siddon told them that Clearwater should be

buying fish to keep the plant open, as Ernie Cadegan did, and refused to make a special allocation to Highland. He said that a special enterprise allocation could only be granted to the whole inshore fleet, something the department was already considering. The workers were convinced then that Clearwater was keeping the plant closed by choice, rather than necessity.

The company made one move to settle the dispute, which was to create a labour-management committee which would meet regularly to work on a proposal for increased allocation to Highland. But the workers haven't been to any committee meetings and they haven't been asked about the proposal. Paufler says "the committee was just a front, just something to

get us off Mr. Risley's back."

At a meeting on Aug. 24, the management of Clearwater and the workers of Highland Fisheries met to discuss the problem. After that meeting, Risley said a lack of communication between workers and management was the biggest problem facing Highland Fisheries. He felt he would have to wait until the next management plan had been filed to create steady employment. Buying fish was out. "That puts us into a competition to which there's no winner...That's not the answer."

After the meeting, the committee was focused on one task — examining the enterprise allocation proposal — after Clearwater had written it. Risley was confident that an enterprise allocation would come to Highland, one way or another. "The federal bureaucracy has been working towards an enterprise allocation scheme for that gear sector (which supplies Highland)," says Risley. "What we're really saying is, 'we don't have time to wait. Please, if you can't get that gear sector to enterprise allocations by January 1, 1989, at least give us what would be our right if the whole gear sector went enterprise allocation."

According to the department of fisheries, no one will get special treatment in the new management plan and no single operation will get an enterprise allocation regardless of need. Opinion varies widely on whether enterprise allocations will be included in the 1989 management plan.

And rubber-stamping Clearwater's proposal is not in the cards for the CBRT & GW either. Victor Tomiczek, a union leader, says emphatically that "workers will have their input on the proposal."

Since the meetings in August, there hasn't been much work at Highland Fisheries. Some fishing quotas have opened but the boats have brought in only enough fish to open the plant for hours at a time. The union would like to refuse that work as an act of protest, but if the workers refuse to go in, they can lose their UIC benefits — something they don't want to see happen.

PROVINCIAL REPORT PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND



Bright lights and big signs

The strict enforcement of a signage policy last summer by government set off a controversy that just won't go away

by Jim Brown o far, nobody has written a song about last summer's Island sign wars. Certainly all the ingredients were there: front page headlines, irate citizens, a deputy minister on the hot seat, dueling cranes (the mechanical kind), the Charter of Rights, the RCMP and a donkey. In fact, looking back, it's hard to believe that all the fuss began over two sheets of plywood which together wouldn't make a half-decent dog house.

It all started on a morning last July when Wayne Ford, the owner of Harrington 500 Family Fun in the resort area which includes Brackley, Stanhope and Dalvay beaches, decided to take a drive to the tourist bureau. "I realized things were quiet, really quiet for that time of year, so I thought maybe the tourist bureau was out of my cards," remembers Ford. But, as he soon discovered, that wasn't the reason business was down at his go-cart race track and fun park. As Ford drove to the tourist bureau, he noticed his highway sign was not in its usual spot.

Ford's sign was a painted four-by-eight sheet of plywood, one of two erected on the property of a nearby motel owner. "It cost four or five hundred dollars," says Ford. "It was a real nice sign." Another sign belonging to Gordon MacCallum, owner of the Brackley Beach Pizza Hall, had also been taken down.

Thinking the signs had been stolen, the two tourist operators contacted the RCMP, only to learn they'd been removed by the provincial tourism department as part of their beefed-up enforcement campaign of the 12-year-old Highway Advertisement Act.

Because no notice was given — under the act, 10 days written notice is required before signs can be removed — the province put the signs back, but two days later Ford and MacCallum received their notices that not only would the offpremises signs have to come down, but all other signs including portable flashing signs at each business, would have to be removed. Ten days passed and true to its word, the government came to collect the offending signs.

Each man responded quickly to the sign seizure and each grabbed the media spotlight in the process. Ford went to Charlottetown and took his flashing sign back. "I was called and told I was going to be charged with stealing my own sign," he says. "So I took the sign out and welded it to my truck. The same day the department of tourism came out and they hacked and they used a cold chisel and they finally cut it off the truck."

With no sign to draw in business, Ford borrowed a friend's donkey, parked him on his front lawn and used the animal to advertise a "hee haw" sale. It worked. "You'd be amazed how many people wanted to know why we had a donkey on our front lawn," says Ford.

MacCallum's actions were even more outrageous than Ford's. After Mac-Callum's flashing sign was taken, he rented another. Using a crane, he hoisted the new sign 40 feet in the air with the words "we'll go to any height to prove

discrimination" written on it.

The tourism department sent a crane to take down MacCallum's new sign, but by turning his own crane around and moving the sign out of the tourism crane's reach, MacCallum stymied the government's plan. After putting on a show for a large crowd of confused tourists, the government entourage with RCMP and crane in tow, headed back to Charlottetown. The following week MacCallum took the sign down. "I felt I had made my point," he says.

By this time the controversy had spread to other areas of the province. The weekly newspaper The Eastern Graphic published a story saying that the province was tearing down illegal signs owned by private citizens but leaving illegal government signs standing. As an illustration, the entrance sign at the Brudenell River Provincial Park was measured by The Graphic and found to be well in excess of the Highway Advertisement Act's size limits.

Larry MacPherson, the deputy tourism minister, responded to The Graphic's charges by sending out his own measuring crew and stating that the newspaper's measurements were wrong. The sign was legal according to the deputy minister. The Graphic fired back the following week, printing a picture of the sign with plywood leaning against it — the plywood represented the size of the sign, according to MacPherson. The actual sign was a good third larger.

Despite the negative media coverage and angry charges from disgruntled sign owners, tourism minister Gordon Mac-Innis remains convinced that the majority of Islanders and most tourist operators are in favour of his department's new approach in dealing with sign offenders. 'Of all the letters I receive from out-ofprovince visitors, the one constant thing that comes in is 'thank goodness you don't have signs cluttering up your highways,"

He dismisses MacCallum and Ford's charges that the department is discriminating against them. "Over 800 signs have been taken down this year by the tourism department, from all across the

Island," says MacInnis.
But Ford and MacCallum aren't buckling under to the government. They, along with two other tourist operators, have retained the services of Charlottetown lawyer John MacDougall. He has served notice on the government that his clients are planning to sue for damages on the grounds that the Highway Advertisements Act is unconstitutional under the Charter of Rights. MacDougall says a recent ruling by the Ontario Court of Appeal backs up his clients' claims, but adds that he expects the parties involved will resolve the matter without taking it to court.

Local dispute brews over Saint John County beach

Summer's not over yet in Black River where locals are angry because the road to a popular beach has been barricaded

by Frank Withers espite falling leaves and cooler temperatures, residents of the community of Black River, N.B. have not yet left summer behind. The reason is a dispute over access rights to one of Saint John County's biggest and most beautiful beaches, known locally as McLeod's Beach.

On one side of the dispute are Edith and her daughter Joan Seeley, whose family has historically owned the most land in the area. The Seeleys recently barricaded their private road to McLeod's Beach. Although they have refused to make any further statements, their comments in the past have indicated they are fed up with littering, vandalism, all-night parties and general indecency.

The Seeleys, on the death of their relative — beef and potato farmer George McLeod - a couple of years ago, acquired shore property lying between the beach and Route 825, the road from Saint John to St. Martins. This summer they placed large boulders blocking off the short road between the highway and the beach.

Many of the residents in and around Black River oppose the barricade. One of them is MLA Stuart Jamieson of nearby Gardner Creek, who says that historically fishermen, dulsers, shipyard workers, picnickers, sunbathers and walkers have had access to the beach. Others have expressed concern about emergency vehicles having to wait hours for equipment to remove the barricade in case of injuries or damage in a shipwreck, boatwreck or oil spill.

Sheldon Lee, New Brunswick's transportation minister, says "there is nothing on the books" that would permit him to order public access over a private property. Charles Robichaud, an official with the Saint John public works department and a large waterfront owner, says property ownership is a complicated matter. "There are dozens of wild and false theories and myths about property ownership and rights of way. For example, there are, contrary to popular belief, deeds in this province granting ownership to land under the water, right to low water, to water itself and even to the birds and beasts on the water. Some of it's a legacy from French and English feudal law. It would take a battery of lawyers to sort

Lee admits that the government can do many things by legislation but hasn't given any indication of a move towards general legislation on the problem. "As a government we are very reluctant to trample on private rights," he says. The previous Conservative government did block one attempt to barricade the road when it refused a request that an existing guard fence be extended past the road entrance.

Another concern of the Seeley family was the removal of beach sand and gravel. In news reports, Joan Seeley referred to a gullied embankment as evidence of people taking sand and gravel illegally. During the 1950s and 60s, it was customary, if not legal, for waterfront owners to sell beach sand and gravel.

Littering, which is a serious problem on almost all New Brunswick beaches, is sometimes horrendous on McLeod's Beach. Residents, however, question how much comes from the community, and how much comes from Saint John visitors or from ocean traffic. A few years ago a local fisherman hauled up 35 dogfish, 35 skate, a haddock and 12 plastic fertilizer bags. It is now rare to see schools of pollock, porpoises and the occasional whale or to catch the herring, mackerel and ground fish that could be found 30 years ago.

Scout leader Harold Dallon says that for 14 years he "had an arrangement with George McLeod whereby our Fundy Coastal District Cubs and Scouts would use one of his buildings as headquarters and in return would sweep the beach every time we left. It worked out fine for all of us but it just happened that, at a time when parts of the district were offered new and different quarters, I got word that Joan was making other plans and we might be out in the cold. She had been lodging a survey crew in our quarters. I figured it wasn't worth the fuss and just pulled out. I've always been friends with those people and I'm sorry to see this all blow up.'

That seems to be the general feeling. One resident asked, "Why couldn't there have been a community meeting and some arrangement like the Scouts had, maybe with some government help in policing or just patrolling — an example to the whole province?'



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Lynch says diminishing ranks are forcing the Irish Christian Brothers to change

Brothers finding new role

After more than 100 years of institutional teaching, the Irish Christian Brothers are making the community their classroom

hey have been called saints and bastards. But for thousands of Catholic boys in Newfoundland, the Irish Christian Brothers were once the only means to an education.

The congregation of Irish Christian Brothers came to the province in 1878 with a mission to teach the poor. They also organized sports, taught music, stressed the need of a healthy body and soul and kept Catholic fervour alive. The sight of a brother in full length black cassock carrying the dreaded strap struck terror in the hearts of generations of Newfoundlanders.

Now, after 110 years, the Irish Christian Brothers are reassessing their place in Newfoundland's education system. "We are focusing on the revitalization of our order and moving into different fields of education," says Brother Barry Lynch, a member of the brothers' Leadership Council.

Diminishing ranks has been a major factor in the decision to withdraw brothers from St. Bonaventure's and Holy Cross Schools in St. John's. Lynch says there weren't enough brothers to fulfill all the commitments of the congregation.

There are now only 95 active brothers across Canada and it doesn't look like the numbers will increase in the future. "I don't think that religious groups by their nature are supposed to be really large," says Lynch. "I believe we should be small numbers and live life at the edge, where others can't go... attending to the extreme needy."

The Irish Christian Brothers was founded in 1802 by a businessman in

Waterford, Ireland. Edmund Rice took street urchins into his home and educated them. Soon other men followed him and a school for boys was opened. The order grew to have schools in major centres in Newfoundland, including Grand Falls and Corner Brook and, over the years, many of Newfoundland's prominent sons received their early education under the watchful guidance of the brothers. Craig Dobbin, chairman and CEO of Air Atlantic, attended St. Bonaventure's as did St. John's mayor John Murphy.

"They gave a lot and asked for nothing in return," says Murphy who graduated in 1939. "They were poor and sometimes the pupils had to bring them coal and firewood. They had no families and once school was over, they spent their time with the boys organizing indoor sports and hockey. They put great emphasis on the humanities as well as oratorical contests and debates."

But not every boy who went to an Irish Christian Brothers school has such warm feelings about the brothers. Some expupils called them racist and savage. A story is told about a brother who dangled a student out of the classroom window to beat blackboard erasers and there are other accounts of severe corporal punishment.

The withdrawal of the brothers from teaching positions in the province prompted some people to speculate on the demise of the denominational school system in the province. However, after a recent Newfoundland Supreme Court decision in September of this year, the denominational system seems as intact as ever. Mr. Justice William Marshall ruled

that the Roman Catholic School Board for St. John's had the right to fire a teacher because he changed his religion. He based his decision on Term 17 of the terms of the union with Canada in 1949, which protects the denominational education system in Newfoundland.

Last year the brothers purchased the Javelin Building in downtown St. John's and opened the Brother T.I. Murphy Center. The centre helps young people who have dropped out of the educational system between the ages of 17 and 21. Some are single mothers, others have drug problems or have been in trouble with the law. They are without support systems of one kind or another. The brothers, with four other lay professionals, provide individualized attention, help with educational and psychological problems and give the young people a boost to get on with the rest of their lives.

In their attempts to help young people, four brothers have moved out of the monastery setting and into a row house in Buckmaster Circle, a notoriously "tough" neighbourhood in St. John's. Young people living there cope with drug and alcohol-related problems. The brothers have made a difference in their lives and their parents' lives. The brothers have also joined the Tenants Committee, organized youth activities, encouraged children to take part in neighbourhood activities and prepared young adults for the work place. With the support of local business people, they have built summer cabins in Whitbourne, a community 50 miles from the city. Families, some of whom have never been outside St. John's, go there for weekends.

Living in the community has made the brothers more aware of the problems residents are facing on a daily basis and they have become a catalyst for getting things done in the neighbourhood, says Lynch. One area of involvement for the brothers that hasn't changed much since it opened in 1898 is Mt. Cashel Orphanage. Unlike other orphanages, Mt. Cashel houses more than 60 boys from the ages of seven to 20, the majority of whom are not actually orphans. Some are boys who have come from broken homes, others have lost a parent through death and still others have been placed in Mt. Cashel because of family violence or alcohol problems in their homes.

Brother Lynch is the director of Mt. Cashel. He says the orphanage has taken on a new role in the past few years with its youth development program. The program, which is federally funded, is a job entry project geared to upgrading and personal development.

Lynch says the mandate of the order — to educate the poor — has not changed since its founding. The challenge today is to re-establish that commitment in the context of contemporary needs.







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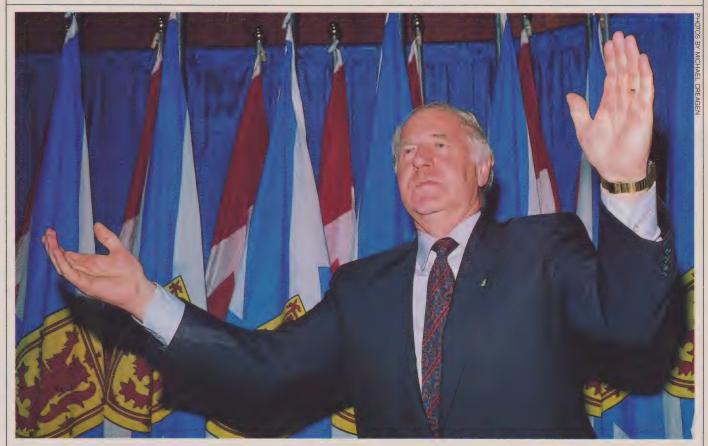
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Buchanan: one more time

A scandal-ridden government plagued by criminal charges returns to power shouldering barrels of astonishing promises

by Harry Flemming
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trust knew from the beginning that
this one wasn't going to be the romp
it was in 1984 or '81 or even '78 when
the Tories unexpectedly turfed the
Liberals out of office.

A lot was going against Nova Scotia Premier John Buchanan and his government on July 30 when he called the election for Sept. 6. Since 1985, the Liberals had taken power in Ontario, Quebec, Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick. They made massive gains in Manitoba. Nova Scotia seemed a fair prospect to follow.

There was the "sleaze factor" — what freelance journalist Parker Barss Donham called "a never-ending litany of scandals, bungles and buffoonery" by the Tories. Even for a tolerant lot — and there was a lot to tolerate — Nova Scotians had seen enough to warrant throwing the rascals out.

The Tory brass was aware of this. For a year or more public opinion polls had shown the Conservatives running neck and neck with the Liberals under their new leader Vince MacLean. Alexa McDonough's New Democrats were a dangerously close third. The Conservatives' own research showed that while Nova Scotians wanted a new style of leadership, they didn't necessarily want a change of government. Their polls and others also indicated that Buchanan remained the most popular party leader, with McDonough close behind and MacLean trailing.

Out of these simple truths came a successful election strategy. It stressed the appearance — if not the reality — of renewal while playing on the popularity of "Teflon John" Buchanan who remained strangely unsullied by the muck that's covered his government. The campaign slogan was as effective as it was awkward: Strong Leadership for New Ideas.

The word "new" was taken to new lengths. Personalized letters "signed" by the premier and suitably localized were available to each PC candidate. The letter on behalf of Halifax Citadel candidate Arthur Donahoe, contained "new" no fewer than nine times with a "renewal" thrown in for good measure.

The rhetoric of renewal had some substance. Twenty of the 52 Conservative candidates had not run in 1984 when the Tories took 42 seats. Two of the PC nominees were there by necessity: their predecessors, winners in '84, had been convicted of uttering forged expense account claims, one being fined \$6,000 and the other being sent to jail for a brief time. Four long-in-the-tooth cabinet ministers were persuaded on the eve of the election call not to re-offer while three other backbenchers "chose" retirement.

And when the dust cleared on election night, the Conservatives were reduced to 28 seats, two more than a majority. Their popular vote fell from 51 per cent in '84 to 40 per cent. MacLean's Liberals went from six seats to 21, increasing their popular vote from 31 per cent to 40 per cent. McDonough's New Democrats held their popular vote at 16 per cent but saw their seats drop from three to two.

The NDP loss of Kings South to the Tories was due to Buchanan's astute (or cynical) eleventh hour appointment of

highly regarded New Democrat MLA Bob Levy to a family court judgeship. New Democrat turned Labour turned Independent Paul MacEwan retained Cape Breton Nova, giving the combined

opposition 24 seats.

It was a close run thing, but barring death, defections and other misfortunes, Buchanan — he of the Strong Leadership — should have a workable majority for two or three years. Clues as to what he'll do with it may be found in the four troubled years leading up to the election, the commitments made during the campaign and the results of the Sept. 6 vote.

Buchanan's new cabinet, perforce, consists of much the same old gang. Sixteen of his 17 ministers were reelected — former municipal affairs minister Laird Stirling lost in Dartmouth North. Of the 20 "new" Tories seeking election, only four were winners. Old vessels will have to hold any new wine.

During the campaign the Conservatives released 16 policy papers. Few received any media or public attention. Most of the proposals they contained were civil service ideas moved from the back burner to the front to serve the needs of the electoral moment. Some of these

promises do deserve mention.

Nova Scotians are to get a Youth Secretariat under a designated Minister of Youth; a Youth Conservation Corps "dedicated to assisting in the maintenance of a safe and clean environment;" Home Care for senior citizens to include snow removal, transportation, heavy house cleaning, yard work and grass cutting; an expanded Pharmacare Program to include "the cost of eyeglasses, hearing aids and dentures;" a Home Ownership Savings Plan to help those with incomes under \$40,000 purchase a first home; scholarships for outstanding science and mathematics students; an Environmental Enhancement Corporation with funding of \$50 million over five years; and a 1,000-acre provincial park on McNab's Island in Halifax Harbour.

While most of the Tory policy papers were ignored, one of them, No. 11, Ethics and Good Government, stood out like a beacon — or a sore thumb. It was released in mid-campaign on a Sunday night without fanfare (Buchanan didn't hold a single news conference during the election). Thereafter, No. 11 dominated

the campaign.

The Conservative high command knew they were taking a calculated risk in making ethics an issue. Although the New Democrats consistently made honesty and integrity in government the focus of their campaign, the Liberals had muted this part of their message, fearing that the scrappy Vince MacLean would be seen as negative and abrasive. With the appearance of No. 11, the Grits markedly stepped up their attacks on the Tories.

Halifax advertising and public relations officer Ian Thompson was the communications director for the Conservatives. He says the party recognized that the ethics issue was "the Achilles' heel of the government," even if PC polls showed the public was more concerned about jobs and the environment than about scandals. "Our choice," says Thompson, "was to take our lumps or lead with it." The much-debated decision was to lead with it and do it with an audacity seldom seen in Canadian politics.

Policy paper No. 11 was prefaced with contrition. Buchanan: "I acknowledge our setbacks and I regret our mistakes. We all acknowledge that mistakes do happen and that all families may have to face these kinds of difficulties. We know there have been some incidents which all of us view as unfortunate. We all learn from our mistakes. We do not live in a perfect world. We do not live in an ideal society."

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Whereupon the premier laid out his plan for making Nova Scotia a more perfect province. He committed the Conservatives to publicly tender "all requests by the government for goods and services, including rental space requirements;" to publicly advertise "all government orderin-council appointments to agencies, boards and commissions," appointments to be made from the applications received; to have all senior government appointments reviewed by a committee of the legislature before becoming permanent; to create a Director of Public Prosecutions, independent of the attorney-general's department and reporting to the legislature in the same way as the Auditor General and the Ombudsman; to have an all-party committee prepare "a new statement of standards of ethics and conduct for all members of the House of Assembly;" and to appoint a Public Ethics Council, headed by a judge,

to carry out inquiries into the conduct of MLAs, order-in-council appointments and, "all those who hold public office in Nova Scotia either elected or appointed, about whom public allegations may be made."

These changes would radically reform Nova Scotia government and politics. They would curb if not abolish the worst abuses of political patronage. They would help to restore a sense of trust and confidence to a public that has grown distrustful and indifferent to politicians and the political process. And, most immediately, they would bring the administration of criminal justice out from under the cloud of suspicion that it is manipulated by and for the politicians.

It's been apparent since 1980 that the attorney general wears too many hats. He's an MLA, a cabinet minister, the government's lawyer and the province's chief law enforcement officer. No matter how well intentioned, he is bound to find himself with conflicts of interest, especially when confronted by colleagues whose probity is less than perfect.

The cases of Roland Thornhill, Billy Joe MacLean, Greg MacIsaac and Edmund Morris are illustrative.

In the late '70s, Roland Thornhill was \$143,000 in debt to four banks. By 1980, facing bankruptcy, he was minister of development and No. 2 man in the Buchanan government. The banks wrote off more than \$100,000, taking as full settlement 25 cents on the dollar. The RCMP wanted to prosecute Thornhill for accepting an illegal benefit.

Contrary to standard practice, Gordon Coles, the deputy attorney general ordered the police file sent directly to him, bypassing the Crown prosecutor. Accepting Coles' advice, attorney general Harry How called a press conference to announce that no grounds existed for prosecuting Thornhill. The Mounties were incensed, but knuckled under to How's edict rather than risk a falling out with the AG's department.

Retired RCMP deputy commissioner Raymond Quintal recently told the Marshall Inquiry (the ongoing examination of Nova Scotia's justice system, named after Donald Marshall Jr., the Micmac Indian who spent 11 years in prison for a murder he didn't commit) that the police needed near certainty of conviction, rather than the usual "reasonable and probable grounds," before they would independently charge the minister. The implication was clear: Thornhill received favoured treatment because of his high political position.

During the 1984 provincial election campaign, attorney general Ron Giffin called then Liberal leader Sandy Cameron a liar when Cameron charged that the AG's department had blocked an RCMP investigation of expense account fraud by two Tory MLAs.

Only when Vince MacLean took the matter to the police two years later were

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Billy Joe MacLean (no relation) and Greg MacIsaac prosecuted. Billy Joe pleaded guilty and got off with a fine. The attorney-general's department originally charged MacIsaac with a single offence but a judge insisted that eight more be added. He was found guilty and sentenced to a year in jail. He served a few weeks. Again, political interference with the administration of justice lent credence to the charges of double standards.

Terry Donahoe, Giffin's successor, refused to prosecute colleague Edmund Morris when the social services minister revealed confidential information from the file of a Dartmouth woman, a single mother on social assistance. The woman

prosecuted Morris privately. The minister was found guilty of violating the province's Freedom of Information Act and was fined \$100.

Better late than never that Buchanan, after 10 years in office, should realize the need to depoliticize the criminal justice system 16 days before an election.

(The obverse of the Buchanan government's solicitude for its transgressing supporters was its insensitive treatment of Donald Marshall Jr. After his 11 years as a philosopher in prison, Marshall found himself being stonewalled by the attorney-general's department when he sought compensa-

tion. Finally, close to the physical and mental breaking point, Marshall accepted the government's niggardly offer of \$270,000 - \$100,000 of which went to his lawyers.)

Another of the government's proposed ethics reforms, putting all its rental space requirements out to public tender, also stemmed from its highly questionable conduct.

Currently, the government rents 1.3 million square feet of office accommodation throughout the province. All rents are set by negotiation, none by tender. This, we're assured, is being changed. Some 1.1 million square feet will be tendered, the only exception being requirements of less than 2,500 square feet.

The change was occasioned by a dubious real estate transaction. During last spring's session of the legislature, Liberal Guy Brown revealed that the government had signed a long-term lease on a Halifax office building owned by

Ralph Medjuck, Buchanan's friend and former law partner — at a time when government-owned space was vacant.

The Joseph Howe building had been owned by Confederation Life but was sold to Medjuck when the insurance company was unable to get the government to renew 85,000 square feet of expiring leases. The Toronto-based firm accused the government of "favouring a little club in Halifax." Medjuck bought the building, assessed at \$10.5 million, on Aug. 12, 1987 for an undisclosed sum and promptly mortgaged it for \$16.6 million. Twelve days earlier, on July 30, Medjuck had signed up the government to take 117,000 square feet in the Howe building for 25

> Brown charged that the government had cut a secret, sweetheart deal that would see Medjuck make profits of "at least \$12 million with absolutely no risk or expense" on revenues from the government of some \$65 million over the life of the agreement. The government insists that it struck a good bargain, since it has the option of purchasing the Howe building for \$1 after 25 years. Good or bad, however, the government has promised to make no more such

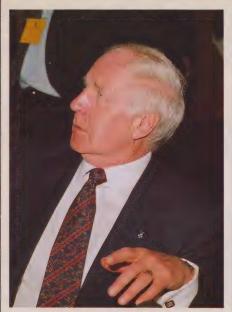
> Public tendering of "all goods and services" won't be as easily done as said.

As it is, most government purchases of goods are already tendered, some 95 per cent of orders issued and 80 per cent by dollar value. Most of the untendered goods purchased are either specialty items or come from single-source suppliers, such as asphalt from Imperial Oil in Dartmouth and highway salt from Canadian Salt in Pugwash.

deals.

The difficulty will come with tendering for services. How does one tender for the talents of such as lawyers, engineers, advertising agencies and the like, where fees are pretty much standard and assessment of performance subjective? In the bad old days — and now — these services were doled out to political friends and damn the expense to the public.

Publicly advertising "all government order-in-council appointments to agencies, boards and commissions" is the most intriguing of the Tories' ethics package. It could mean everything or nothing or something in between. The



"Teflon John" is strangely unsullied

Conservatives themselves probably have no concept of what would be entailed in carrying out the letter and spirit of their promise

No one knows for sure how many agencies, boards and commissions would be affected, although 300 to 400 seems a reasonable guess. They range in prominence from the Apple Maggot Control Board to the Pulpwood Marketing Board to the Workers' Compensation Board. Some of the members or directors of all universities, colleges, libraries and hospitals are order-in-council appointments. Even Provincial Secretary Ron Russell doesn't know how many appointments are made each year, acknowledging only that they number in "the thousands."

Most of these people receive little or no remuneration so partisan politics isn't of major concern in the selection process. Not so with the more prestigious positions (directors of the Nova Scotia Power Corporation are paid about \$3,600 a year plus expenses) or the well-paid full-time jobs. The seven members of the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities, for example, receive from \$64,000 to \$73,000 a year. These appointments are rarely made on anything but partisan grounds.

It's mind-boggling to think that all these posts, from the picayune to the coveted, will be publicly advertised and filled from the ranks of the applicants.

Has Buchanan become a true believer in rooting out patronage and ensuring that "our government is operated at all times in an honest and open manner?" Nothing in his background or personality would indicate that he has.

When Roland Thornhill resigned from the cabinet last spring, he told the legislature he had informed the premier orally of his bank dealings and had received his blessings. (Under the Criminal Code Thornhill was required to get Buchanan's sanction in writing.) At the minimum, the premier displayed a

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Buchanan's already hedging on promises cavalier attitude towards ethics.

His reaction to the Billy Joe MacLean affair was more insouciant. When informed of MacLean's conviction during a trip to Scotland, Buchanan saw no reason why MacLean should resign from the legislature. Only when he returned home and felt the rising pressure from the media and his own caucus did the premier reluctantly agree that Billy Joe had to go.

Even his warmest admirers wouldn't call Buchanan a political philosopher or idealist, nor would anyone else who has witnessed his cliché-ridden, bland at best, boring at worst performances during First Ministers conferences. One long-time Buchanan observer doubts whether "he has read a hard-covered book since he left law school" 30 years ago. Of the premier's new-found interest in the environment, a Tory insider wonders "if he knew the meaning of the word two years ago.'

The dean of all the premiers is a pragmatist and populist with the uncanny ability to understand and reflect the concerns of that faceless fellow the NDP reaches for: "the ordinary Nova Scotian." If Buchanan thinks his own interests would be best served by cleaning up patronage, he'll do it - to a prudent

point, of course.

What Buchanan can't do is completely ignore his pledges of reform, even if they were foisted on him by his brains trust in the heat of a close election. Things have gone too far for that. But in a province where patronage has been a way of life, where road work is still allotted on the basis of how a constituency votes, where Tory hiring committees still interfere in civil service appointments, it's naive to think Nova Scotia politics is about to become squeaky clean. Even on election night, with the votes hardly counted, Buchanan was hedging on his promises, with Rome-wasn't-built-in-aday comments.

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Political slush fund or sound solution?

For some people, ACOA has been the catalyst for bringing new ideas to the surface. For others — the jury is still out

by Valerie Mansour illiam Apold is a happy man. As president of Tavel Ltd., a five-year-old Dartmouth consultants firm that deals in the fishery and food processing industries, he has recently increased his staff from two to 10 people. Last summer, he needed help to fund the design of an automated system that monitors product quality in fish and food companies. He turned to the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA) and several months later received \$33,009 to help cover the costs of the new system. Later, wanting to expand his business, he once again asked ACOA for help. In July he received \$100,000 more to put toward a \$300,000 expansion.

Apold says he would have expanded his business anyway, but with the ACOA money he was able to be more aggressive. "We wouldn't have been able to grow at this rate," he says. "The money you save on equipment and assets you can put towards really growing your business in terms of working capital."

ACOA has given grants throughout the Atlantic region from a few thousand dollars to a few million. It has funded everything from defence industries to bed and breakfasts. The Pictou County Economic Development Fund was given \$10 million to encourage economic activity and a Halifax computer firm was given \$10,000 to market a new software package. Most recipients are local, although the Toronto-based Clarke Laboratories Ltd. received more than \$2 million as well as loan assistance to move a plant to Windsor, N.S., employing 31 people.

While few would question financial assistance for the establishment of a small boatbuilding plant or the expansion of a woodworking company, large grants, especially to profitable, established corporations, raise eyebrows. Canada Packers, for example, last summer was given more than \$2 million to modernize and expand a livestock feed plant in Truro, N.S. ACOA president Donald McPhail says although ACOA was created to deal particularly with small and medium-sized businesses, its mandate allows it to fund large ones as well. "We look at the commercial viability. Why does it need government risk-sharing? What should our share be?"

Giving grants to businesses is, of

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course, not new. ACOA is just the latest member of the family of development schemes concocted by the federal government. Atlantic Canadians are accustomed to special regional projects but because ACOA was presented as the region's saviour, it has been coming under more careful scrutiny. Twenty years after the formation of one of its predecessors, the Department of Regional and Economic Expansion (DREE), ACOA is seen by many as one last chance for Ottawa to save the Atlantic region from drowning in a sea of economic disasters.

in a sea of economic disasters.

"We were really excited when it was set up," says Peter O'Brien, a director of the Canadian Federation of Independent Business. "Where ACOA can be helpful is developing self-reliance." Unlike the others, ACOA was created as an agency with a local board of directors as opposed to a government department. With a head office in Moncton and regional offices throughout the Atlantic Provinces, decisions are made at home with an emphasis on small-scale enterprises. The final approval, however, comes from Gerald Merrithew in Ottawa who replaced Nova Scotia Senator Lowell Murray as the minister responsible for ACOA's operations.

ACOA, which officially began in June 1987 with a \$1.05 billion budget, attracted



ACOA received

6,000 applications

for grants in an

eight-month period

wide-ranging opinions even before it started: a breath of fresh air; a slush fund for Tory friends; the answer to our economic woes; the repetition of past failures. And it seems as though the jury is still out as ACOA has both fans and detractors.

Some say ACOA is a hit, if only because of the sheer number of applications. From February to September the agency received almost 6,000 applications for grants, resulting in grants of more than \$132 million. And while the agency has been criticized for being too slow, especially in the beginning, ACOA can explain that away as inevitable because of the volume. As well, ACOA has been accused of becoming too bureaucratic with a staff of almost 400 people.

It's also been criticized for being used by the federal Conservatives for political gain with large pre-election ads in the media featuring photos of grant recipients saying, "When people ask me about ACOA, I say it's working for me."

The Liberal-controlled Senate loudly voiced its criticisms of ACOA's structure. In August, after a three-month delay, the Senate finally gave approval to the legislation allowing ACOA's full operation. Cape Breton Senator Allan MacEachen argued against the section of the bill that would replace the Cape Breton Develop-



ment Corporation. He maintained that this would eventually hurt Cape Breton because it takes aid for the region from the government and puts it into the hands of an agency with no special mandate for the island.

But, even though they agree with MacEachen's position, some business leaders in Cape Breton think ACOA is working out well. Gordon Roach of the Industrial Cape Breton Board of Trade says ACOA is succeeding in "reawakening the entrepreneurial spirit." Roach, a native Cape Bretoner who left the island in 1981 and returned last year, says young people like himself are beginning to come back because they believe economic activity is picking up. "From a small business point of view, ACOA is acting as a catalyst helping their ideas come to the surface."

In Newfoundland ACOA has run into its toughest criticism. A large grant was given to a seafood company that has been in financial trouble. And a debate over Newfoundland ACOA board members applying for support for their own businesses reached the floor of the House of Commons. Members who have conflicts are expected to remove themselves from those specific discussions but there are no rules prohibiting them from applying for grants.

Peter O'Brien says that kind of conflict is inevitable. "If you pick the best

20 people in the region they invariably have to be people who can best utilize what the agency provides." O'Brien, though, is no fan of ACOA. He says he continually hears criticisms, especially about who is being awarded grants. "There's no real concern about competition," he says. He points to a loan guarantee to a pita bread bakery in Bedford, N.S. which will be competing with a similar Halifax plant that was modernized a year earlier without government aid. "There is no rational reason for particular things," says O'Brien. "ACOA said 'send us your ideas and we'll send you money.' They got overwhelmed with all kinds of applications."

ACOA's McPhail agrees competition is a problem. "But, if someone two years ago got started without the help of ACOA that is unfortunate but the need is there. We look at each case on its merits and we make the best judgement we can. We can

be wrong."

Newfoundland NDP leader, Peter Fenwick, thinks ACOA sometimes is wrong. "For the most part ACOA is just shuffling the money around." Fenwick points to a Newfoundland company that received a grant to print flyers after previously printing them on the mainland.

Fred Morley, an economist with the Atlantic Provinces Economic Council (APEC) says there hasn't been enough analysis of ACOA's work. "It appears as

though they're still feeling their way around in terms of programs and who gets assistance for what." Morley says a lot of money is flowing to various enterprises but there isn't a sense of overall policy.

"They have done some stuff we support," says Fenwick. But, Fenwick, like many in the Atlantic region, questions the whole concept of handing out grants. "There's an assumption we are underdeveloped because there is not enough capital available," says Fenwick. "That's much too simplistic." Fenwick believes there is a lack of consumer demand for products made here. "ACOA pumps money in one direction and the Bank of Canada raises interest rates, in the other."

O'Brien says his group is opposed to the idea of grants up front. He believes ACOA should guarantee loan assistance for start-ups. "We have stifled, over the last 35 or 40 years, the whole feeling of entrepreneurship and self-reliance. Agencies who send you money undermine that initiative. We haven't said this is what we

really need.'

But, despite the hesitancy and the criticism, a faint glimmer of hope remains that this time things will be different. A lot of people had a lot riding on ACOA. "I was quite optimistic and I still am fairly optimistic," says Morley. "The basics are still there. It's a matter of sitting down and digging in and see how it goes in practice."



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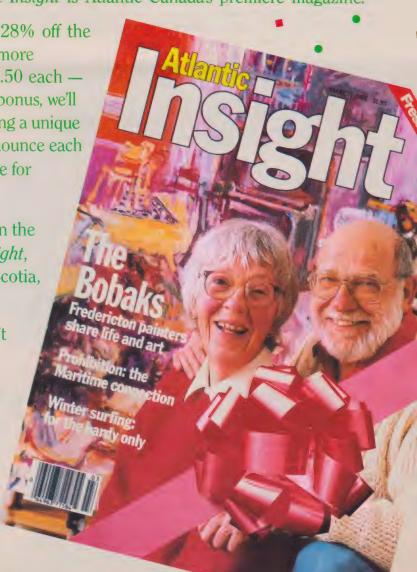
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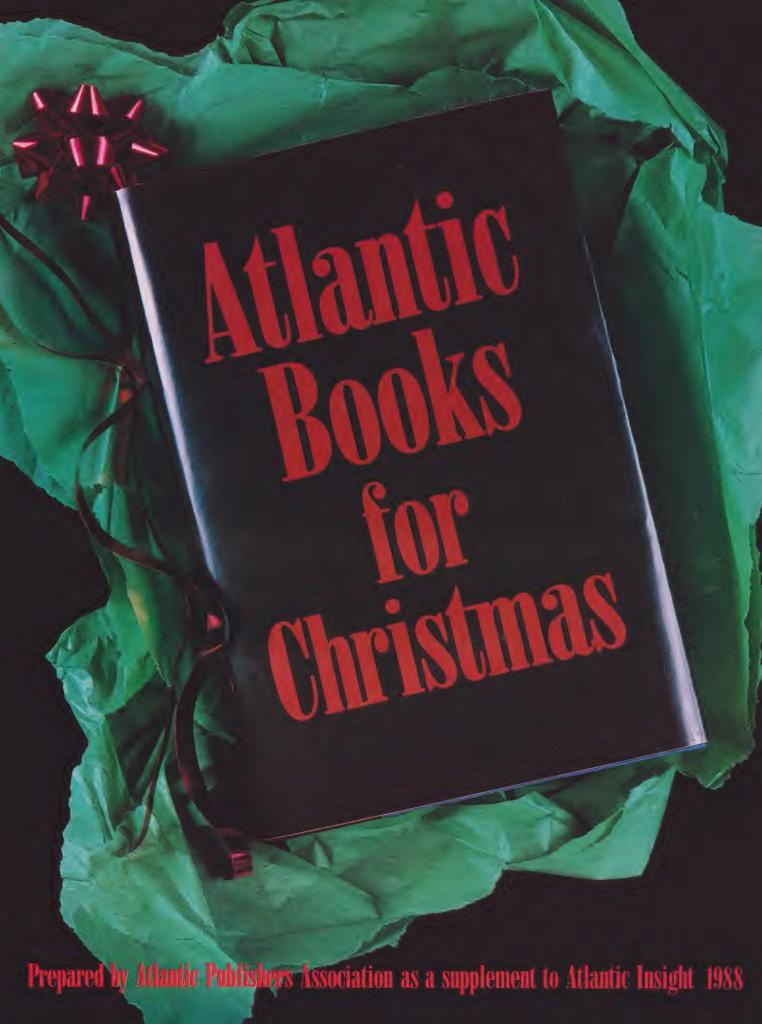


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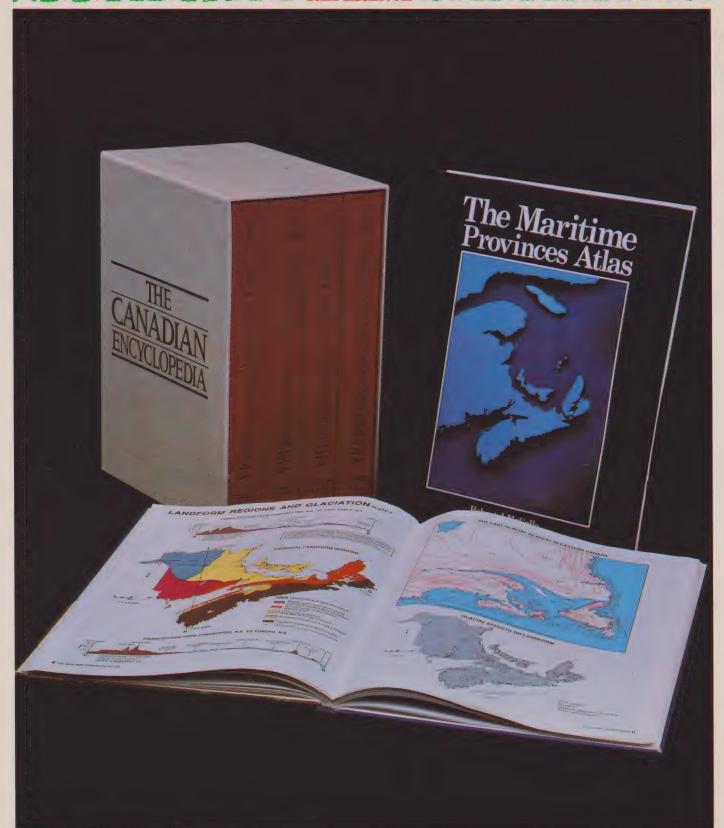
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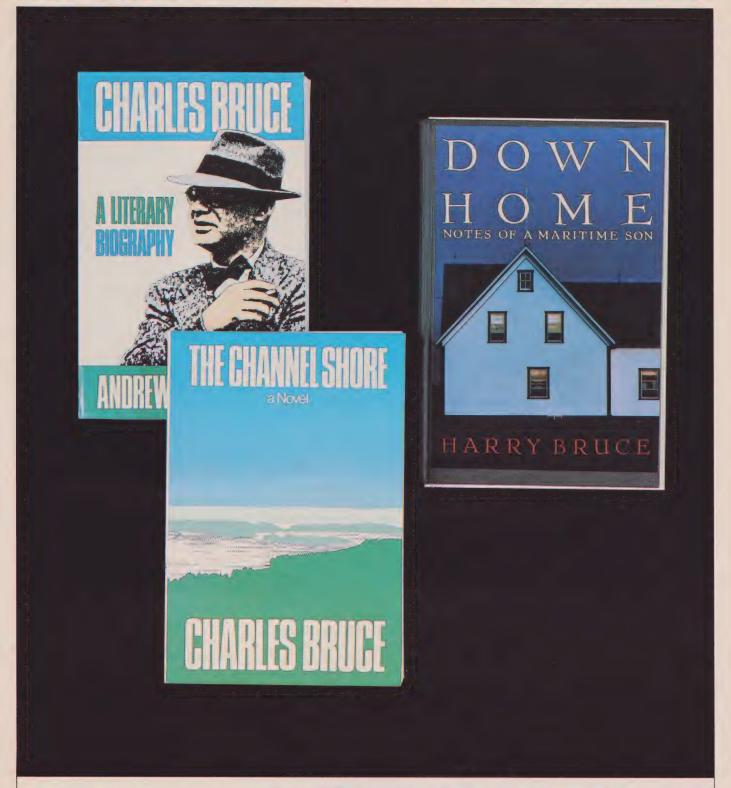
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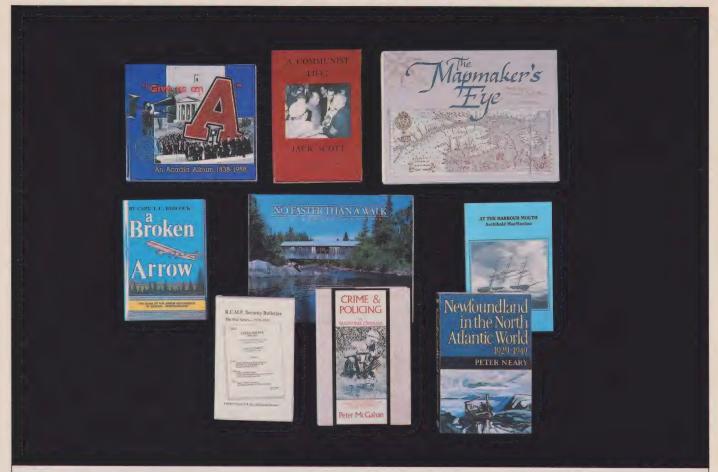
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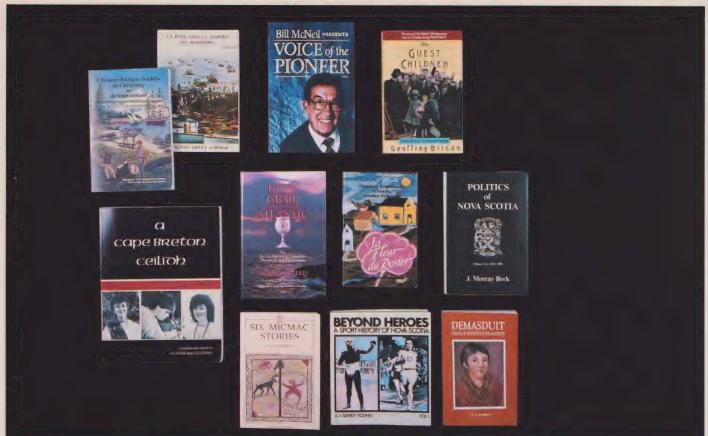
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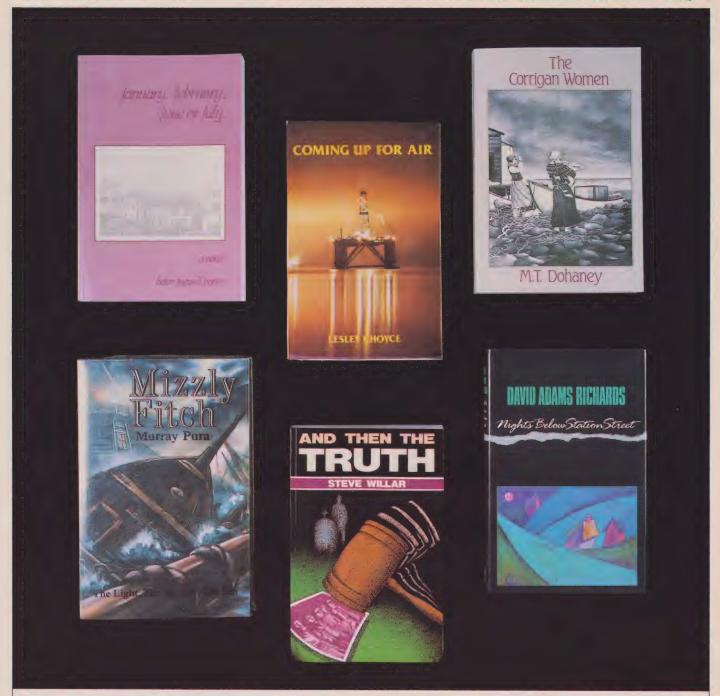
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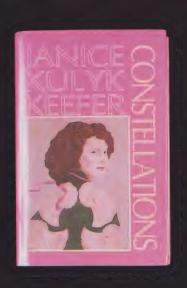
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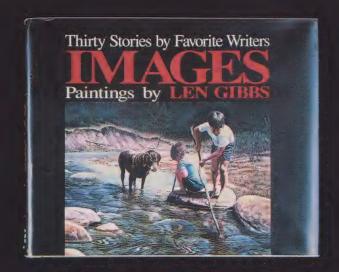
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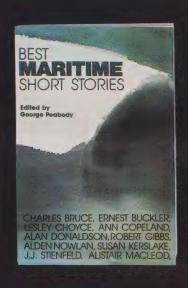
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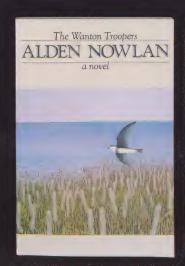
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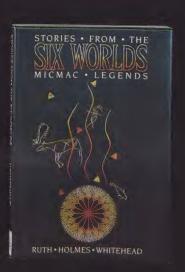
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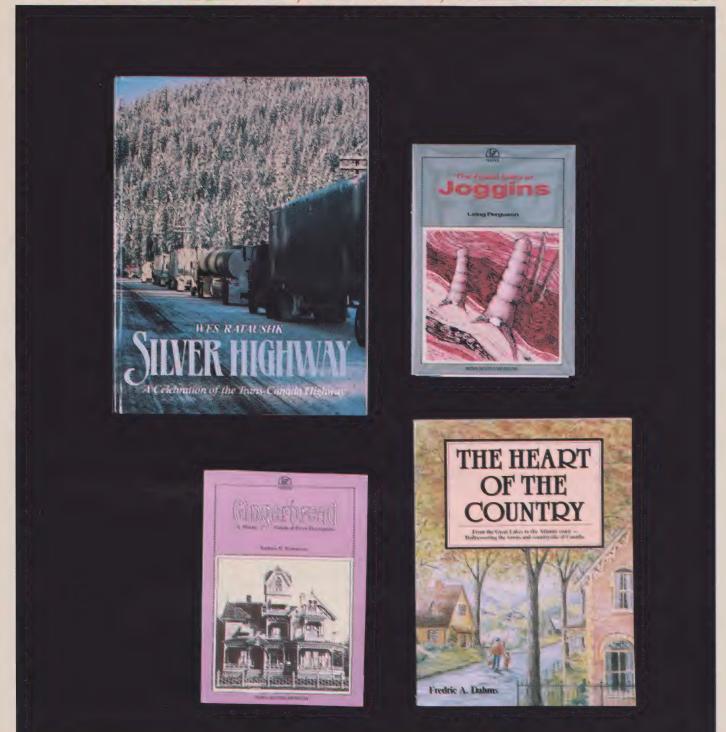
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A visual product display project devised by a federal civil servant in Moncton is more than just eye catching

n the eleventh floor of the Assumption building in downtown Moncton, a small back room in the offices of Industry, Science and Technology harbours — one might even say conceals — one of the nation's more unusual business libraries. It might easily have ended up as a stack of computer printouts a few inches high. The fact that it didn't is testimony to the power of visual presentation.

For here, a visitor browses, not among abstracts, tables and digests, but among products and pictures of products from around the world. Floor-to-ceiling display racks transform the room into an art gallery of product literature. You can actually see what things look like. It's a little like wandering through a collection of international post cards, their four

colour illustrations devoted not to monuments, but to manufacturing.

Often, the same plastic pouch that holds the brochure contains a sample of the product itself. From France, a pulp and paper firm encloses a book size matte of a blonde fluffy, fibrous substance. Usually, explains Jim Kelly of Industry, Science and Technology, it's used as packing material. But compressed into a solid and backed with vinyl, it can be made into car doors. On one corner of a table dominated by blue-bound books of printouts there's a pad of shiny white woven material. It's a re-usable oil spill absorber from Sweden.

Swatches of foil-covered cloth glitter in another pouch. It's made by a Norwegian fish net manufacturer who has also developed more sophisticated network fabrics. They're used as drop sheets,

subject to availability.



Kelly: it's a library with a difference

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Evidently, all of this is more than just an industrial believe-it-or-not collection to broaden your manufacturing horizons. That's why anyone can come in, and simply browse, without necessarily looking for a specific product or process.

The actual heart of the room, Kelly explains, lies in the computer on the table, and the blue-bound books beside it. The computer catalogues more than 7,000 new products and processes from around the world, from about five dozen sources.

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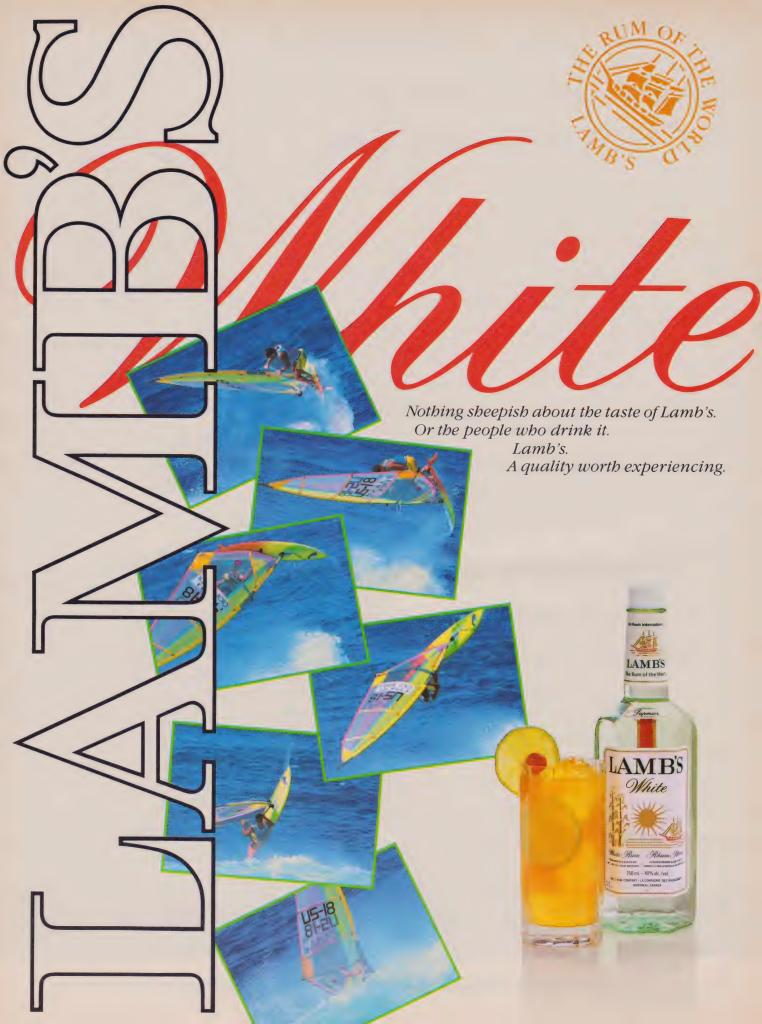
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The display in the Industry, Science and Technology back room took shape because a study showed that firms in New Brunswick who used imported technology under licence were more likely than the ones that didn't, to register patents of their own. There seemed to be a link between using other people's innovations and developing your own. And past experiences of seminars on industrial licensing had convinced Kelly that to keep interest from flagging, you had to be specific.

Eighteen months ago Kelly set out to approach licensing from a more lively angle. Once a specific process or product looked interesting, he thought, only then would you have to tackle dry legal processes. Moreover, deciding what looked promising, he thought, could only be done by businesspeople themselves.

So Kelly put together a catalogue. People are eager to market technologies and products they may have develop-ed. Universities, government agencies, laboratories and people in the middle all publish listings.

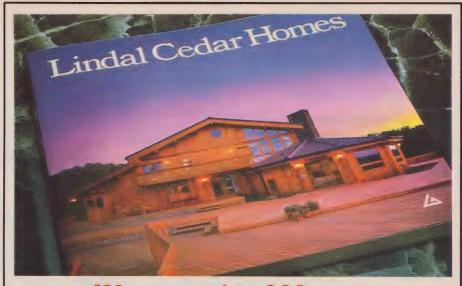
By plugging a key word, perhaps "hydraulics" into the computer, selections from all of these sources which mention that key word appear on the screen, and can be followed up in more detail.

The racks on the walls with brochures and samples were originally intended more or less for decoration — a sort of techno-wallpaper to give industrial people an idea of how big the world really is. As catalogues and listings came in, the department sent away for specific material

for display.

"What's surprising," says Kelly, "is that people are coming in here and finding business on the boards." Statistically, it shouldn't happen. With only a few hundred brochures on the wall, and thousands of listings in the computer, the wall displays should not create the disproportionate number of enquiries they do. A New Brunswick company made a trip to Sweden to follow up on a product they first saw on the wall at DRIE. A group of Newfoundland businesspeople is following up a subsea oil storage tank system. And to accommodate people who can't get to Moncton, the display is transported to other areas of the province every five weeks.

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Something worth crowing about



e live under the reign of crows and ravens. They are the dominant beings along our shore, and in ways we cannot understand. They surely rule the deer, the rabbits, the porcupine, the stick-legged herons and all the other creatures around here, including us. They certainly tell us when to get out of bed. Just after first light every morning and just east of our bedroom, greasy black birds hold an angry congress. They squawk, screech, hoot and quarrel till my wife furiously raps on our window. The birds sullenly disperse but return within 10 minutes, and this time their squabbling is even more raucous and painful. There are eight or nine of them out there. They are easy to hate.

The raven and its cousin, the common crow, are a lot alike. The raven, however, is heftier and hairier and it makes more noises, all of them nasty. Bird scientists insist your average raven can utter a rich, deep, bell-like note that's actually pleasant, but bird experts are always trying to make the repulsive seem attractive. I've heard a lot of ravens in my time, but no one has ever sounded like Big Ben. The Audubon Society Encyclopedia of North American Birds says ravens emit "a loud, deep-toned croake-croake, a hoarse croo-croo, and curruk, given mostly in flight. In Birds of Nova Scotia, Robie W. Tufts mentions the raven's "coarse croak," and The Birds of Canada confirms that the creature's most frequent call is "a hoarse, far-carrying, rather wooden croak or kwawk (very different from the crow's caw)." Quoth the raven at 6:30 a.m. - croake-croake, croocroo, curruk, croak, kwawk. Most of the crows around here are content to utter high-pitched, ear-splitting caws in series of three, four or five. After 20 minutes of this, I want to throw our clock-radio at them.

Ravens look as mean as they sound. In the first place, these suckers are big. They are the biggest members of the crow family and the biggest of all perching birds. They're at least two feet long and have a wingspread of more than four feet. When a raven lands in a small tree, branches sag as though a gorilla had dropped on them. Indeed, ravens are so bulky that, after a big roadside meal — mashed porcupine or the stuff you thought you safely tucked inside green garbage bags — they have to take a couple of hops to get airborne.

They are black, with a metallic luster of violet and purple, and sometimes a

tinge of slimy green on their wings. Even the raven's feet are black. Stiffly strutting in long grass, ravens seem like robed priests in a bloodthirsty, satanic cult. Some rural New Brunswickers claim crows hold trials, with the accused surrounded by a ring of judges. If the court finds him guilty as charged, the judges kill him. The courts, I believe, open for business at daybreak.

Ravens frequent rocky cliffs on ocean shores, as well as inland mountain ranges and some books say they're strictly wilderness creatures who avoid civilization. But in the Maritimes, ravens love nothing so much as a really putrid gar-

Ravens and crows and their early morning reign of terror

bage dump. There, they co-exist with assorted gulls in numbers that might horrify anyone who shuddered while watching Alfred Hitchcock's *The Birds*.

They have always been bad-news birds. As gulls follow vessels in hope of getting garbage, ravens follow armies in hopes of getting corpses. This habit has earned them a reputation as birds of ill omen who forbode death, spread infection and bring rotten luck all around. In 43 B.C., their fluttering warned the Roman orator Cicero that he was about to be killed. A particularly cheeky raven was said to have entered Cicero's chamber on the very day of his murder and pulled the clothes off his bed. Cicero should have left town immediately. The day I wake up to find a raven tugging my blanket is the day I put the Bruce homestead up for sale and head for a country where no bird is bigger than a chickadee.

Ravens weren't always black and beastly. A Roman legend says they were white as swans until one of them foolishly told Apollo that the nymph he loved preferred a mere mortal. Enraged, the god not only killed the nymph, he blackened the raven. (We journalists are always being smeared for spreading bad news.) The two ravens who perched on the shoulders of the gloomy Danish war god, Odin, were also reporters. Each day, Hugin and Munin (Mind and Memory) flew around the world to gather for their boss the news of what men were doing. Ravens and crows, even now, are gossips, broadcasters, sender of signals.

They have an uncanny knack of telling one another about free meals. Robie W. Tufts, once dean of Nova Scotia bird-watchers, knew a man who'd killed a deer, hung it in a clump of thick evergreens and draped it heavily with spruce boughs. While hiding the dead animal, he didn't see one raven. But two days later, when he returned for his meat, he found 50 of them, all perched on boulders and branches — and glutted on venison. They'd picked the carcass clean.

As birds go, crows and ravens are smart. Indeed, my 77-year-old Encyclopedia Britannica says they're probably "the most highly developed of all birds." The Audubon Society's encyclopedia describes ravens as "sagacious, crafty, resourceful, quick to learn and to profit from experience." They gobble dead fish and animals (not to mention soldiers), but they also eat worms, insects, tadpoles, frogs, minnows, mice, eggs of other birds and, for dessert, berries and apples. To crack clams, they drop them on rocks from on high. They've been known to cache meat in the ground for later consumption and to work in pairs to catch baby seals.

Ravens are not only crafty, ugly and noisy, they're also blatant show-offs while flying. They hang motionless in the teeth of a gale, climb and circle like hawks and, just for the hell of it, do barrel-rolls and somersaults. "In courtship flight," the Audubon Society's encyclopedia says, "the male flies with wing-tips touching the female's, dives like a peregrine falcon, and tumbles over and over in the air." Bird lovers find this performance beautiful, forgetting that doing in the sky what more discreet lovers do in private is sexual exhibitionism of the most perverse kind. The best that can be said for ravens is that they build big, comfy nests for their young and mate for life. That's the only thing we have in common. If they'd doze inside those nests until 9 a.m., especially on Sundays, I might even begin to like them.

Michurinetz, Seval and other grape varieties grown locally are being transformed for drinking and cooking

by Wendy Elliot aritime grape vines have curled their tendrils around homesteads for generations. The early settlers grew grapes and made their own wines, but it is only since 1980 that estate wineries have flourished.

It was Dalhousie professor Norman Morse who first began experimenting with grape growing in Grand Pré, but it was fellow academic Roger Dial who first gave credence and conviction to wine making in Nova Scotia. With experience in California vineyards and faith in some Russian-bred varieties, Dial founded Grand Pré Wines in 1982. The five acres of grapes that Morse planted during the 1970s have grown to 200 acres today in two locations.

Dial also realized the importance of developing grapes that performed well during Nova Scotia's variable summers. He chose Russian varieties not only because they were resistant to disease, but also because they were hardy enough to withstand the Maritime climate. More recently he has found that in areas protected from the wind, such as south facing hills, it is possible to grow the popular, traditional French varieties. Another of his improvements was a 500-foot long greenhouse to start rootstock.

The other estate winery in the region is Jost Vineyards in Malagash, Cumberland County. Launched in 1985, it is another hands-on operation with slightly fewer than 50 acres of vines.

Both wineries have picked up their fair share of international recognition already. The Grand Pré Chardonnay captured the silver prize in the Inter Vin competition of 1986. The winery's Cuvée D'Amur has won gold, silver and bronze medals in the New York Wineries Unlimited Competition as well as a silver medal in England's International Wines and Spirits Competition. The Jost Marechal Foch, Riesling and Grand Crou wines have all won awards.

Farmers in seven counties in Nova Scotia are now producing grapes such as the Russian Michurinetz, Marechal Foch, Seval and Chardonnay. Sixty of these growers, most of whom are under contract to wineries, are members of a fledgling grape growers association.

Despite the rapid increase in grape growing in the region since 1980, only one per cent of the \$4-million wine market is satisfied by indigenous wines.

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Maritimers enjoy their wines, but fewer than 10 per cent of the 1.2 million gallons consumed annually is locally produced.

When cooking with wine, it is a good idea to prepare food with the same wine that will be served at the table. The alcohol content evaporates when heated but the bouquet and flavour remain. Hans Christian Jost says it is "a shame to cook a very good piece of meat with a cheap wine." He recommends paying an extra dollar or two for a better wine when cooking with expensive ingredients.

Jost suggests using his Cuvée Blanc when dry white wines are called for or the Marechal Foch or Comtessa. Gale Dial, whose cooking gave Wolfville's Blomidon Inn its reputation, uses the Grand Pré Seyval Blanc, Chardonnay and Muscadelle wines when preparing a gourmet meal.

1/8 lb. butter

1 onion, minced

Poached sole

1 cup dry white wine 1/4 cup canned or bottled clam juice 6 sole fillets (¼ pound each) 1/8 lb. butter, softened 4 tbsp. flour egg yolk 2 tbsp. whipping cream 1/4 cup whipping cream salt and pepper to taste dash of sugar

Melt butter in skillet. Add onion, wine and clam juice. Boil three minutes. Take from heat. Slash skinned side of fillets several times to prevent curling. Place fillets, skinned side down, in hot liquid. Butter a piece of foil and put directly on fillets. Set a lid on top of the foil to keep the fillets in the liquid. Bring to a boil, then reduce to a simmer and poach for five minutes.

Blend together softened butter and flour. In separate bowl, stir together egg yolk and 2 tbsp. of cream. When the fillets are done, place on a hot serving platter. Add remaining cream and seasonings to skillet, then thicken slowly with flour and butter mixture. Remove from heat and stir in the yolk and cream combination. Heat without boiling, then pour over fillets and serve.

Mussels, clams or shrimp may also be poached with the sole and included with

the sauce.

Mussels on the half shell

3 lbs. mussels 1 cup dry white wine ¼ cup oil 1/3 cup grated parmesan cheese 3 large cloves of garlic, minced 1 tbsp. finely chopped parsley

Clean mussels. In a large pot, combine mussels and wine. Cover and simmer over medium-high heat until mussels open (about five minutes). Remove from heat. In a small bowl, stir together oil, 3 tbsp. of the cheese and garlic. Set aside.

When the mussels are cool enough to handle, remove from shells and arrange on half shells in a pan. Drizzle with oil mixture. Broil four minutes until cheese is melted. Sprinkle with remaining cheese and parsley.

Chicken in white or red wine

134 lb. chicken, cut up ½ cup vegetable oil 2 tbsp. whipping cream Sauce 4 tbsp. flour 1 large onion, quartered 1 clove garlic, diced 11/2 cup dry white wine 1/8 tsp. thyme a bouquet garni ½ tsp. salt 1/8 tsp. pepper 1 tsp. sugar Garnishes

2 cups fried mushrooms ¼ lb. boiled white pickling onions

Brown chicken pieces in hot oil in a frying pan. Sprinkle with flour. Stir pieces with a wooden spoon until flour is absorbed. Add onions, garlic, wine, bouquet garni and seasonings. Stir until mixture starts to boil and then reduce heat and simmer for about an hour. When ready to serve, discard the bouquet garni and add garnishes. Heat through and add whipping cream. Sprinkle with chop-

To serve with red wine, add 1 tbsp. of tomato paste to sauce and replace white wine with red. Omit whipping cream.



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When dentist Ancil Joshi discovered that many handicapped patients and children in New Brunswick had to go to Montreal and Halifax for dental care, he decided to do something about it. For the past two and a half years he's specialized in dentistry for children and handicapped patients at the University of Medicine and Dentistry in Newark, New Jersey.

Recently, he opened his own office in Moncton and business is booming. Along with parents who bring their children in for appointments, other dentists and medical doctors are referring people to

him in significant numbers.

His patients range from those with cerebral palsy to mentally handicapped adults and children as well as normal youngsters who are terrified of dentists. "You can imagine the tough time people with cerebral palsy have," he says. "Because of their illness they can't keep still." He handles problems like this by using special restraining devices to hold the patient while he works.

Joshi has also adapted his office so that it's perfectly suited for handicapped people. The corridors leading into his waiting room are extra wide so patients in wheel chairs can manoeuvre around easily. Each of the rooms in his office is extra large as well, so parents can sit near their children while he works on

their teeth.

Joshi says only a few of his patients need special equipment. Most of his work involves using psychology and behaviour modification techniques to relax his patients. Children who've been referred to him by other dentists are usually extremely fearful. So instead of wearing the traditional white uniform jacket, he wears regular street clothes. "This way the children feel a little more comfortable and start to see me as just another man."

His waiting room is full of toys geared at helping children cope with their fears. There are lots of drawing pads, crayons and pencils. He says he encourages them to draw while they wait because drawings reveal the anxieties and fears children have about dentists. "If he sits there and draws a dragon, I know he's not ready to sit in the chair yet. But if he sketches the dental chair, I know it's okay to go ahead." — Lila Donovan



Joshi has adapted his Moncton office to suit both handicapped and terrified patients

n 1974 **Susan Willis** of Charlottetown, P.E.I. began working with a Wolf Cub pack in Wolfville, N.S. Her commitment to the scouting movement since then is evident from her appointment as provincial commissioner this year.

Willis was attending Acadia University when friends asked her if she would be interested in working with a Cub pack. This first experience got her interested. While attending Queen's University in Kingston, Ont., she again worked with Cubs. "To get my education degree, I had to do a community service project and I chose to work with Cubs," she says.

With her degree completed in 1976, Willis returned to her home in North River, P.E.I. to take up a teaching position at Charlottetown Rural High. She formed a Cub Pack in North River and carried on as leader for five years. She also worked in the leadership training area.

The appointment as provincial commissioner of the P.E.I. Council of Boy Scouts of Canada came last spring and Willis has the distinction of being the first woman in Canada to hold this position. She says the honour adds to the satisfaction she has received working with the Scout movement over the years.

Her most recent involvement with the Scout movement has been to review the present Cub program with a national program committee. As a result of that review existing manuals are going to be changed. Willis' job is to hire people to write and give direction as to content.

Willis is also responsible for staffing a sub-camp for the 1989 Jamboree at Fort Amherst, P.E.I. Having worked with the World Jamboree in 1983 in Alberta and the 1985 Canadian Jamboree in Guelph, Ont., she's well qualified for the task.

Kathy Jorgensen



Willis: a first for women in scouting



The walls of Amedee Hebert's shed next to his home in Joggins, N.S. are papered with 3,500 matchbook covers from around the world

When Amedee (Madie) Hebert worked in the airforce during the war, he would bring the stations' matchbook covers home to his daughter. "But by the time she had a couple of hundred she got more interested in boys so she stopped collecting," he says. "I started and I'm still at it."

Hebert is 87. He quit smoking two years ago but never had to buy a match. He has 3,500 matchbook covers on the walls of a little shed by his house in Joggins, N.S. but he thinks his total is closer to 14,000. Hebert worked as a chef for the airforce, at Mount Allison University in nearby Sackville, N.B. and at the Fort Cumberland Hotel in Amherst, N.S. "I used to go around to ashtrays after conventions and find matchbooks." He chuckles recalling the time a waitress saw him and said, "look at the chef picking up butts."

Waitresses, friends and neighbours have sent him matches from every Canadian province, 47 of the American states and even European and other countries. One of his favourites is from the bar in Singapore where the Singapore Sling was invented. And he loves his gift from an Australian who had been visiting his cousin in nearby Maccan — 143 top covers from wooden match boxes.

Even Hebert's politics are evident in his collection that displays matchbooks

from the Van Horne, Diefenbaker and Stanfield campaigns.

In 1969 Hebert spent six weeks putting up his collection. In 1971 more than 600 people came to see it but last year's entry in his guest book only lists 15 names. His enthusiasm has waned somewhat and he no longer advertises.

Hebert's unusual hobbies extend to his yard where he has hundreds of goldfish in five ponds. He says he once had thousands but the spruce budworm spray killed them all. — Valerie Mansour



Magnone: from Quadra Island to Quidi Vidi

ast summer, at age 64, **Peg Magnone** bought a Volkswagen van, hitched a trailer to it, loaded them both and travelled by herself from Quadra Island, B.C. to Quidi Vidi village near St. John's, Nfld.

A year earlier, while visiting her daughter in St. John's, Magnone bought Mallard Cottage in Quidi Vidi. The house, declared a national and provincial historic site by the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada, is one of the oldest cottages in North America. The building dates from 1750 and remains structurally unchanged since the Mallard brothers built it in the style of the Irish cottages they left behind when they came to settle in Newfoundland.

Magnone now lives in the cottage and continues to do restorations on the dwelling that had no water or electricity when she bought it. She's left behind her teaching days, which she spent in schools from Baffin Island to British Columbia. In retirement she's turned her attention to an antiques and collectables business, run from Mallard Cottage.

Magnone opened for business last June with items she gathered over the years and brought from British Columbia. The tourist trade was so successful that she is planning to open another room in Mallard Cottage to sell Newfoundland crafts.

- Sheilagh Guy

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Two hundred years of legends live on at King's Edgehill

Still operating in the spirit of its founder, the school that opened its doors in 1788 celebrates a birthday

by Cristina Pekarik
he Athalie sailed up the Avon River
in search of a safe haven from the
British sloop-of-war, the Greyhound,
which was in hot pursuit. Two sailors from
aboard the French vessel were sent ashore
at the spot opposite where the town of
Windsor now stands. They were to determine whether there were any Indians who
might be friendly to the French traders.
The two men, Pierre Pettipas and Jacques
Lamont, never returned to the Athalie.

They landed and climbed to the top of a hill in view of a dense woods. Finding no stirrings below, they descended towards the woods. Advancing, they saw observing them an unusual character dressed as a Dutch sailor. The stranger enjoined them to smoke from his red clay pipe and before long the two sailors lost consciousness. When they awoke, they were in a dark cave. Here, they discovered the ghoulish Dutchman's secret. In a cauldron held

over a blazing fire by three iron bars was a concoction of seaweed and blood which the Dutchman would simmer, then dry and finally smoke in his red clay pipe puffing clouds of yellowish smoke.

The truth dawned on the terrified sailors — their blood was to be used for this gruesome concoction. Pettipas, upon guessing their fate, wrote a story of their impending doom and placed it in a small hole in the cave.

It was on the grounds of what is now the oldest private school in the Commonwealth outside the United Kingdom, known since 1976 as King's-Edgehill School (KES), that the two French sailors supposedly met their fate. As the story is told, in the years following the establishment of King's Collegiate School, two disbelieving students were to find themselves in the blood-thirsty Dutchman's cave, known by then as the Devil's Punch

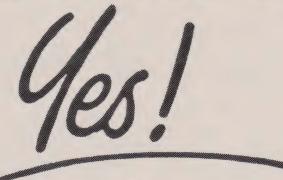
Bowl. The two boys managed to escape unscathed but were much less sceptical after meeting "the Windsor Ghost."

This legend provided the backdrop for

This legend provided the backdrop for a dramatization celebrating the school's 200th anniversary on Nov. 1. Written by Michelle Forrest, one of the school's English teachers, the production provides an historical lesson of the school's past "without becoming a mere pageant." Forrest says, "I wanted to reflect the history of KES without being boring, so I've maintained the comic elements and the legend which are a part of the school."

Founded in 1788 by Bishop Charles Inglis, the purpose of King's Collegiate School was, in Inglis' words, "to prevent the youth of the colony from going to educational centres in the United States imbibing notions of disloyalty." Inglis himself had to flee from the States, where he had served the established Church of England at New York's Trinity Church until 1783. Inglis, a staunch Loyalist, had even refused to omit prayers for the King and the Royal Family from his service

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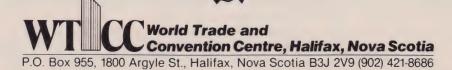
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Geoffrey Smith: dress and disciplinary codes have been relaxed but not eliminated at KES

when George Washington came to the church in 1776.

A year after Inglis' arrival in Nova Scotia as the first Anglican bishop in the Commonwealth outside the U.K., the school was opened. In 1789 the University of King's College was added.

The site chosen for the school was a "pastoral setting, firmly in keeping with the monarch's own interest," says Thomas Menzies, headmaster of the school from 1973 to July, 1988. Inglis also made sure that the school was far from the debauchery and corrupting influences of a naval town such as Halifax. Today, KES comprises 69 acres on the outskirts of the town of Windsor.

Since its first days when the entire enrollment was 17 and tuition and board were 30 pounds a year, King's has undergone many changes. The University of King's College, founded in 1789, moved to Halifax in the 1920s following a fire which destroyed several college buildings. In 1976, the all-boys school joined with its sister school, located on the hills facing Chapel Hill and the College Woods, to form King's-Edgehill School.

A select group of 200 students now pays \$10,000 for tuition and board. The curriculum remains rigorous with a schedule that combines six classes, sports, two study periods, chapel and a formal dinner — starting each day at 7:15 a.m. and ending at 10:30 p.m. Students still take one Latin course, though their counterparts 200 years ago were expected to become thoroughly versed in both Latin and Greek.

KES offers instruction from grades six to 12. Students' training has consistently been designed to prepare them for university. Recently, the school has also begun to offer a handful of students the International Baccalaureate — a program

designed to qualify students for study at universities around the world.

Today, as in days past, students wear uniforms, although as Headmaster Geoffrey Smith points out, "the dress code has been considerably relaxed." The girls are easily spotted in their red blazers worn over a navy blue tunic dress. The boys sport a more subdued navy blazer and grey flannel trousers.

Discipline, like dress, has eased somewhat, although penalties can still be stiff. The motto, "spare the rod, spoil the child," has been replaced but none too soon, according to an alumnus of the Class of '65. He was recently at the school, "just visiting the spot where I was beaten."

Teaching practices have been slow to



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The strong Church of England roots of KES are evident in the daily chapel services

adjust to modern times at KES. Barry Spence, a 1980 graduate now working on his Masters in Education, says "educational philosophy is slower in changing at private schools than in public schools." He points out that while this allows the schools to benefit from the mistakes of others, "it also means that we're 10 years behind."

The gradual revival of KES and other private schools across Canada, contrasts sharply with their situation 15 to 20 years ago. After falling into disfavour in the 1970s, several changes, including more relaxed discipline and merging of girls and boys schools, have contributed to their renewed popularity. More conservative attitudes among the wealthy and a growth in the number of two-income families have also contributed to a reemergence of private schools.

Private schools are now trying to battle their image as a "rich brats" warehouse. "Independent schools have been perceived as some sort of reform schools," says Smith. But strict regulations allow private schools to get rid of problem students — a luxury not readily available to public schools.

Originally, the school catered to wealthy Loyalists who wanted their children to be schooled in the King's tradition. It now appeals to parents worldwide — while the majority of students are from the Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario, others come from farther away, including Western Canada and abroad. KES offers scholarship assistance to 10 to 15 per cent of its students and one of the new headmaster's goals is to increase the proportion of scholarship students.

The increasingly diverse student body has led to relaxed religious instruction. Although students attend chapel daily, "it is a place students start their day by worshipping God in their own way," says Smith. Students now have the choice of whether or not to attend Sunday church services at the school.

Yet despite changes and the shedding of some customs, the tight-knit community is fertile ground for myths and traditions, particularly those which strengthen bonds among its members. Probably the most revered figure in the school, around whom legends have grown, is not the founder but Frederick "Pa" Buckles. Born in India and schooled in Britain, Buckles set out across the Atlantic in search of gold. Unsuccessful in his search, he became a master at KCS in 1904, where he remained even after his retirement until his death in 1939. His reputation for strictness was tempered only by his fun-loving nature.

"He was a real character," says 87-year-old Marjorie Andrew MacQuarrie, who attended Edgehill from 1916 to 1919 and later taught at that school. "If you got bawled out by Pa Buckles, you stayed bawled out." Pa Buckles is now said to stroll about the school grounds on occasion, properly attired in his academic gown, smoking his cigar and wearing his solid gold watch chain.

As King's celebrates its 200th anniversary, alumni will remember the legends, like Pa Buckle and his ghost, which have made the school what it is today. Michelle Forrest, who has brought to life the Devil's Punch Bowl legend with her dramatic production, says "it's very easy to keep the legends going. They are here so, of course, they're talked about — in which way depends on whether or not you are a believer."

For Barry Spence, these legends hold great sway. "I remember just dreading the first foggy night that I would have to walk across the campus and run into Pa Buckles." Spence, who now teaches at the Convent of Sacred Heart School in Halifax, notes ironically that, "the effort to produce people who honour Church and King has not been able to squelch Acadian and downright pagan legends. But you know, that's what we loved best about it."

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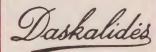
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Daisy — a six-year-old German Shepherd — sniffed a sweater owned by the victim and then headed down to the river bank. About 200 feet from where the car had plunged in, she began pawing at the water. Grimmer then took her across to the other side where she repeated the same thing at the same distance from the point where the car had entered the water.

To narrow the location even further, Grimmer put the dog in a boat and rowed across the line she had marked off from the river banks. Several hundred feet from shore, at a point where the water was about eight feet deep, Daisy began pawing at the bottom of the boat. The body was recovered a short time later.

In January of this year, 1,000 residents of the Scoudouc-Shediac area signed a petition demanding that air scent dogs be recognized as a search and rescue resource.

In one of the most controversial searches of the last few years, when nine-year-old Andrew Warburton disappeared in dense woods near Halifax in 1986, Grimmer volunteered the use of his three search dogs, which are believed to be the first in Canada trained in the air scent method of finding people who are either lost or trapped.

Search officials, however, weren't interested. "We have all kinds of dogs here now," they said. "We're dog crazy." There were lots of dogs there all right, says Grimmer, but they were RCMP tracking dogs, not air scent animals.

Time and rain can obliterate a scent on the ground and make a tracking dog virtually useless. But an air scent dog can still do the job.

Grimmer, a 39-year-old native of St. Stephen, N.B., has been raising and training dogs at his home in Scoudouc for 12 years and learned the air scent training method during a three-year stay in Texas.

Although air scent dogs are recognized as a valuable resource by search and rescue organizations in the United States,

France, West Germany, Great Britain and Switzerland, so far in Canada, they've been less easily accepted. In British Columbia, however, air scent dogs are now not only a part of search and rescue teams, but the RCMP takes an active part in their training. In Nova Scotia, the RCMP has recently revised its policy so that air scent dogs are welcomed as volunteer members of search teams. In New Brunswick — Grimmer's home province — they're still not accepted.

Grimmer can understand the force's position — to a point. "The RCMP are in charge of finding lost people in Canada. If they listened to everyone who said he had a pet bird who could help, searches could get fouled up. But if a person has something to offer that makes sense, then eventually somebody should check him out and either prove or disprove him."

He points out that there has been a great change in the past ten or 15 years in the official attitude toward volunteer search and rescue groups. "The official position was that if they put these guys in the woods they'd be more of a liability than an asset. Finally, public pressure forced them to check the people out and once they realized the volunteers were helpful, they started using them. I foresee that's what will happen with the dogs."

This past summer, three fishermen were lost on a clam digging expedition off Kouchibouquac National Park. The bodies of two of the fishermen had been found quite quickly but the third was still missing when Parks Canada wardens called in Grimmer and his dogs.

"I took Daisy and two dogs that we were training," Grimmer says, "and over two full days, we worked the beaches and we worked from boats. Finally, all three dogs zeroed in on a lagoon which was impossible to drag and impossible for divers to be sent into because the kelp was so thick. But those dogs kept coming back and there was no question in my mind, at least."

About 18 days later, the fisherman's body surfaced in the exact spot designated by the three dogs.

"There are probably 50 or 60 trained air scent dogs in Canada at the present time," says Grimmer. "If they were only recognized for what they are, they could be a valuable part of the team."

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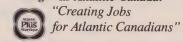
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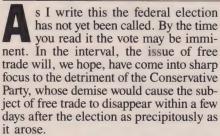
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RALPH SURETTE'S COLUMN

Casting the die for free trade



For there's no greater proof of the artificiality of the free-trade argument than the way in which it arose. Four years ago free trade was not an issue at all. To the degree that it had been talked about in the 1984 election campaign, Prime Minister Mulroney had put it down by stating that it would never happen while he was around.

Then suddenly, by virtue of a simple announcement by the government, free trade became a drastic necessity without which the sky would cave in.

One must tip the hat here to the raw power of propaganda. Not only did free trade become a necessity, but those who would question it were placed heavily on the defensive and remained there for three years. For the proponents of free trade, their wildly speculative and improbable hypothesis of much increased prosperity, including a solution at least for regional disparity, needed no proof. The sheer mystifying complexity of the agreement was enough to baffle opposition, and the fact that even Trade Minister John Crosbie hadn't read it all didn't seem to matter.

The rock on which the argument stands is the worldwide sweep of trade liberalization. The removal of trade barriers is one of the main factors in the increased standards of living in the developed economies since World War Two.

This much I grant. The argument weakens when one considers that the present deal is not a liberalizing one with the whole world, but an enclosing one with one country only. But it's at the next leap that the logic breaks down. Eighty per cent of goods traded between Canada and the U.S. move tariff-free already. The remaining 20 per cent are to a great degree a recognition of the difficulties of our northern and long-distance economy. Agriculture is protected against the cheaper production of the U.S. climate. Textiles are protected, as are some other sectors. Most of those residual tariffs are there for good reasons. Free-trade proponents say that "since there are only

tariffs on 20 per cent of goods left, let's get rid of them." This is an extremist argument. In fact, it sounds like this proposition: if one Aspirin cures your headache, then take the whole bottle.

Besides, those remaining tariffs are tilted heavily in our favour. It might make sense to bargain them away for real benefits. But the Americans have made no concessions. This is the real gall of the matter. It is we who are giving away the store to persuade the Americans to accept a deal which is to their advantage. The deal gives more than access to each

Free trade
proponents
conjure up
images of
Chicken Little

other's markets. It gives American money unprecedented access to Canadian resources and investment markets. It virtually applies American trade law in Canada. This is a gift beyond belief for the large American multinationals who are only a hair away from getting what they've long wanted: Canada as a totally unfettered extension for their influence and the border, the world's largest nuisance, down at last.

In mid-September the agricultural food industry delivered its judgement: in the farm and food sectors "over 150,000 jobs will disappear." McCain Foods, one of the backers of a series of ads run in newspapers country wide against the deal, stands to see its plants in New Brunswick close against a rush of cheap imports from the U.S. The food group, including private companies, federations of agriculture and marketing boards, added: "The U.S.A. wouldn't have signed the present agreement if their farm and fac-

tory workers were treated like our farm and factory workers."

Indeed they wouldn't. Despite all the

claims that this is a fair and balanced

deal, if the terms were reversed it might



have raised a derisory chuckle or two in the U.S. Congress before being dropped in the garbage, but that's about all.

There are other indictments. For instance, its rationale of origin has disappeared. The panic at the beginning, if you recall, was that we had to do something fast about American trade protectionism, especially an omnibus trade bill that threatened to create havoc in international commerce. The answer was a special deal to get inside the American tariff fence even if we had to compromise a lot to do it.

This summer, quietly, the omnibus bill bit the dust amid a much diminished protectionist climate in the U.S. Whatever sense there was in the behind-the-tradewall argument to begin with, it's gone now. On top of that the deal gives little protection against American trade retaliation, which was one of its primary aims. It only binds the Americans to retaliate legally — that is, in keeping with their own laws and with the blessing of the Canadian-American tribunal to be set up.

For Atlantic Canada the deal should present special uncertainty. In its first flush three years ago, free trade evoked the semi-mythical days of Maritime prosperity based on trade with New England — until someone remembered that Confederation, which the Maritime people opposed with great energy, was itself a free-trade deal. The Maritime economy started collapsing 20 years later.

This is only a partial litany but there's room for a last point: the question of sovereignty. It should really be the first. One tends to place it at the end against the charge of making an "emotional" argument that's beyond facts and figures. It's implied, however, whenever the words "free trade" are uttered — as it was in 1911, the last time free trade was put to the test before the Canadian public and failed.

In the end, as I cast my vote for the anti-free-trade candidate in my riding that has the best chance of defeating the Conservative, the element of sellout is the one that will motivate me most. I find it quite frankly insulting to be told by the Conservatives that this is nothing but a minor trade adjustment that we shouldn't worry about. It virtually reduces the country to an administrative region of American trade watchdogs, requires massive dislocation to conform to the American way of doing things. For no good reason the deal opens a Pandora's box out of which no one knows what will emerge.

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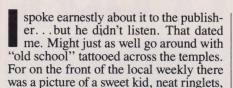
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RAY GUY'S COLUMN

Measuring up the monsters



holding a bunny rabbit.

Rabbit? It wouldn't have been a rabbit in my day, not a rabbit under three stone, anyway. Not with coyotes being reported on the western side of the Island and strange skulls ("Arrr, lads, too small for a dog, too big for a fox") being shipped off to Ottawa for scientific scrutiny. And especially not a rabbit with, this very summer, sightings of cougars ("Giant Killer Cats with a Supernatural Scream").

Newfoundlanders expect a full quota of awe and wonder from nature and, by hook or by crook, they will have it. Other races may grow too sophisticated for Abominable Snowmen or Loch Ness Monsters. Ship these prodigies to Newfoundland and they will find a

natural home.

I would have gone with the cougars, son. One of those "artist's depictions" right across page one. "They seek Their Meat from God," there's the headline for you, a direct steal from a cougar story in an old school text book. Measuring a full nine feet from slavering fangs to twitching tail-tip, these customers were used to an exclusive diet of pioneer New Brunswick babies.

The press let us down badly on cougars. We didn't get a 10 cent return on the dollar from this invasion of the killer cats. Way back in my day, for pity's sake, we got a much bigger bang for the bucks

with shrews.

The government imported shrews to tackle the spruce bud worm. In no time at all the shrews had become a plague of Biblical proportions — a foot-deep blanket of vicious furry mites sweeping eastward to (God's will be done) devour St. John's. Naturally, this called for snakes. Government helicopters were soon spotted all over the place dropping crates of shrew-devouring snakes, some of which were "handy about the length of a Lunenburg dory and so big around as a home-brew keg."

We still like our monsters big and our dragons worth the slaying. Sometimes they measure up. Poet E.J. Pratt gave us the epic battle between the whale and the giant kraken or squid. It was a squid up to Newfoundland standards. Cruel parrotlike beak, unblinking eyes the size of dinner plates, lashing 30-foot tentacles powerful enough to seize and drag under a fishing boat and crew. A fine old monster like a monster should be.

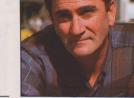
No Newfoundland schoolboy ever rowed a punt across the harbour without at least a hatchet near to hand. Not quite your medieval battle-axe, perhaps, but it was the thought that counted. Poor Etobicoke with no sea-dragons, no dragon

Then one day, about 20 years ago, there appeared a picture of a giant squid on page one. Not an artist's depiction but the genuine article. Stretched out on sheets of plastic, pumped full of for-maldehyde, packed in dry ice, stinking worse than any old dead halibut. The eyes, the beak, the tentacles...the word made flesh, the myth come true, the hatchet very small.

Even a snake the length of a Lunenburg dory is no match for a crazed 2,500-pound bison

Yet still we believe, in such a place as Newfoundland, that there's lots more stuff unslain by the camera to keep artists busy with depictions, an unquarried seam of wonders. Knowledgeable governments sometimes give us a boost. At the beginning of the century the Newfoundland government, recognizing the need for fresh monstrous wonders, imported four moose from New Brunswick. These great galumphing beasts had never been seen here before.

The novelty has worn off. They now infest shopping mall parking lots, tumble into backyard swimming pools, crash through tourists' windshields and force joggers off the sidewalk. There's no percentage in a monster you can slay with



a longhandled shovel.

A more recent government was more clever. It imported a herd of bison from Saskatchewan and put them on an offshore island. We were never told, officially, what happened next. Did they all perish in the fog or, one day soon, will some Sunday School outing be borne down upon by a buffalo stampede, an avalanche of great snorting beasts, their eyes red, their hooves flashing, making the Witless Bay Barrens tremble under their forward plunge?

Maybe so. Why else would there have been so many sightings on the Burin Peninsula this summer of giant killer cougars, natural predators of the awesome buffalo? Even a snake the length of a Lunenburg dory is no match for a crazed

2,500-pound bison.

It doesn't do, if you're associated with the public prints in Newfoundland, to pass up cougars for bunny rabbits.

Not too many years ago when the Churchill River in Labrador was dammed for hydro, I warned the readership that God would punish them with a plague of

polar bears. They didn't listen. Two decades later, see what happens.

Most of the power of the mighty Churchill — scientists will tell you was strained out of the river, converted to hydro and given away to Quebec. The river was now too feeble, when it ran into the Labrador Sea, to push these Arctic ice packs east away from the Island of Newfoundland.

These floes now grind ashore on the Island laden with giant killer polar bears, stealthy white beasts capable of bringing down a charging buffalo with the slash of a monstrous paw. I suspect it's this new polar bear menace that's driving panicstricken herds of moose down the aisles

of Woolco.

The sophisticates among us may pooh-pooh the average Newfoundlander's persistent expectation of new and awesome natural wonders. They've never smelled a dead giant squid. As the person who took the picture for page one, I stand ready to enlighten them. How big, I am frequently asked, are the suction cups on the 30-foot tentacles of this marine behemoth which can snatch a full-grown polar bear from an ice raft and deliver it to its hideous parrot-like beak in the twinkling of an eye?

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